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Unions split over Murray ban on sympathy strikes

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

The Labour movement is on the brink of its most damaging split for years in the wake of the decision of Mr Len Murray, TUC general secretary, to disown sympathy strikes in support of the miners.

Labour's parliamentary front bench will also be dragged into the controversy today as bus crews, railway workers, local authority employees and engineering firms defy the Murray ruling to stage a "day of action" in South Yorkshire.

Mr John Dormand, chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Party, yesterday condemned the TUC leader's intervention as disgraceful and promised to raise it this morning at a meeting of the TUC-Labour Party liason committee, at which Mr Neil Kinnock, the party leader, and Mr Murray will be present.

Moderate union leaders are privately springing to the defence of *Mr Murray, arguing* that the unity and authority of the TUC is at stake, but supportive industrial action is expected to continue. The Wales TUC is refusing to abolish plans for a similar "day *of action" on June 12.*

The conflict over strategy in the miners' strike, which today enters its eleventh week, came into the open at a northern region conference of the Labour Party in Newcastle upon Tyne. Traditionally moderate Northumberland miners tabled an emergency resolution deploring Mr Murray's statement.

It added: "The consequences of this could cause some trade unionists to withdraw essential support from the miners' fight in a crucial stage of the dispute. We welcome the local initiatives that have existed since the *dispute started and hope that* they will continue."

Delegates unanimously approved the resolution, and Mr Dormand, MP for the mining constituency of Easington, where the strike is solid, said: "I will raise this matter. It may well be that there is some mechanical, technical justification, but there is no justification for saying it at this time."

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In a circular to regional secretaries of the TUC, Mr Murray issued a warning that they would be exceeding their authority in giving official *backing to local actions in* support of the miners, saying that the National Union of Mineworkers had not formally requested support from the TUC General Council.

His letter has started a fierce *political battle that will carry on* into a meeting of the TUC's "inner cabinet", its finance and general purposes committee, later in the day and into the full general council meeting on Wednesday.

Today's deliberations are likely to be inconclusive, but union leaders who share some *of the Congress House pique at being kept at arms' length from* the biggest dispute since Mrs Margaret Thatcher took office are pressing for some form of TUC initiative.

Mr Arthur Scargill, the miners' president, who resigned *his seat on the general council* last year in favour of the union's communist vice-president, may be invited in for senior level informal discussions on the conduct of the strike.

While the labour movement digs itself into deeper trouble over the pits dispute Mr Stanley Orme, MP, the Shadow Secretary of State for Energy, will today meet Mr Ian MacGregor, chairman of the National Coal *Board, for "talks about talks"* on an agenda to break the negotiating deadlock.

But the board is not likely to respond positively to the Opposition demands for compromise on its plans to make 20,000 *men redundant* before March 31, 1985 and close 20 pits. The board insists that four million tonnes of capacity must shut, though it holds out the prospects for more jobs for young people in 1985-86 if that *exercise is carried through.*

A tougher blockade on exports of coal to Britain was *predicted by Mr Scargill* after weekend talks with miners' unions from 48 other countries in Paris. Coal from Australia had been halted, he said and the union now sought to extend the ban to Poland and the European *ports, particularly Rotterdam.*

Jubilation as Everton heroes bring home the Cup



Toast of Merseyside: Members of the victorious Everton team touring Liverpool yesterday with the FA Cup after beating Watford 2–0 at Wembley. Half a million jubilant fans lined the streets. Report, page 21.

Disquiet on Heseltine's Forces plan

The Chiefs of Staff of the Royal Navy, the Army and the Royal Air Force have expressed anxiety about some aspects of the plan by the Secretary of State for Defence, Mr Michael *Heseltine, to concentrate the* formation of policy in a single organization under the Chief of the Defence Staff. **Page 3**

Sea search

A search has been launched for three men whose fishing boat is missing in good weather in the Irish Sea. They left Holyhead on Thursday.

Perón return

Several people were injured in clashes outside the Buenos Aires hotel where ex-President Maria Estelan Martinez de Perón was [illegible] after her arrival from Madrid for talks with President Alfonsin. **Page 5**

Secrets kept

The Swiss voted yesterday by almost 3-1 against relaxing the law on banking secrecy, but there was only a 2 per cent majority against banning property purchases by non-resident foreigners.

Salvador claim

Señor José Napoleón Duarte, president-elenct of El Salvador, said in Washington that the *Army had only three months'* supply of bullets left for its war against left-wing guerrillas

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Bombay battle

Bombay and the nearby town of Bhiwandi were gripped by violence between Hindus and Muslims, in which 79 people have died, for the third day running **Page 6**

Bombing ban

Troops are likely to be barred from next year's international fishing festival in Ulster after two off-duty soldiers taking part in the competition were killed *on Friday* by an IRA bomb **Page 2**

Tax trade-off

The accountancy profession has offered to help the Treasury draft tax-avoidance legislation, in return for an easing of a proposed general clampdown on tax havens **Page 19**

Lauda's victory

Niki Lauda, of Austria, scored his second victory *of the season* when he won the French Grand Prix for McLaren at Dijon. Patrick Tambay, of France, was second in a Renault **Page 23**

Kinnock denies reports of despair

By Julian Haviland Political Editor

Mr Neil Kinnock, Leader of the Opposition, yesterday criticized newspapers which, like *The Times*, have reported a mood of despair among Labour MPs arising from the size of the Government's majority and the threat of rejection by their local parties through reselection

He said a very small number of MPs were suffering "a fit of quite understandable blues". They faced a government with a monumental majority, there were massive problems in the *constituencies, and they should* have to endure another four years before the next election. They were also "grumpy, tetchy, looking inward a little more than they should".

But it was a small minority problem, and the attention given to it vastly exceeded its importance.

Mr Kinnock, who was being interviewed on *The World This Weekend* on Radio 4, also complained of distortion by some newspapers in the emphasis given to a speech on Friday by Mr Peter Shore, chief *opposition spokeman on trade* and industry, in which he charged both sides in the miners' dispute with "total intransigence".

Israel bombs base near Syrian border

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

Israeli warplanes yesterday returned to the offensive in Lebanon after a gap of six weeks when they bombed what was described here as a "terrorist base" close to the Syrian border in territory under Syrian military control. There were no reports of any attempted Syrian retaliation.

According to Israeli sources, the target was five buildings and a number of tents used by "radical terrorist elements acting under Iranian inspiration and backing". There was speculation that the base was used by *Shia Muslim extremists from a* group believed to be responsible for many of the recent attacks against Israeli troops throughout Southern Lebanon.

Although there was no immediate estimate of casualties, Lebanese radio reported ambulances taking wounded to hospital in the town of Baalbek. It said that explosions continued after the raid was over.

The site attacked was in the Janta region east of the Bekaa Valley about five miles from the Synai-occupied town of Rayak. Yesterday's bombardment was *part of Israel's continuing* strategy of hitting what its military intelligence pinpoints as "terrorist positions" inside Lebanon, apparently irrespective of whether or not they are situated behind Syrian lines.

It was the first such attack since the Syrians captured three people from Israel's liaison office north of Beirut, who are now held somewhere in Damascus.

The last Israeli bombing raid in Lebanon, on April 8, was retaliation for a Palestinian gun and grenade attack in the centre of Jerusalem when nearly 50 *people were wounded.* The target was an abandoned hotel allegedly a base for the radical Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

Earlier yesterday, Israeli troops killed one Arab in the *occupied south Lebanese port* city of Sidon and injured two others after grenades were thrown at an army patrol.

Israel radio said it was believed that the dead man was the grenade thrower

● Beirut: The attack in the Bekaa valley followed early morning reconnaissance flights by *the Israelis over Beirut and* areas to the east and a grenade attack on an Israeli patrol in the southern Lebanese port city of Sidon in which one Israeli soldier was wounded

There were no immediate *reports of casualties from the* three target communities. But the right-wing Christian "Voice of Lebanon" radio station said that the air raid left a camp run by Hezbollah, a Shiite group with ties to Ayatollah Khomeini, in flames.

Ustinov in early-strike threat to Washington

From Richard Owen Moscow

The Kremlin yesterday simultaneously threatened and conciliated the West, with *President Chernenko* calling for talks on space weapons "without preconditions", while Marshal Dmitry Ustinov gave a warning that Soviet submarines could hit the United States with nuclear missiles in *10 minutes.*

The Defence Minister, revealed in an interview with Tass that Russia had increased the number of its nuclear-armed submarines off the American coast. Giving a detailed account of Moscow's retaliation for the deployment of cruise and Pershing last *autumn, he said* Pershing's ability to hit Warsaw Pact targets in eight to 10 minutes gave Nato only an illusory advantage. Soviet sea-based missiles posed a "counter-balancing threat".

Marshal Ustinov confirmed that Moscow had also stationed "enhanced-range operational-*tactical missiles*" in East Germany and Czechoslovakia, and said Russia would match Western deployments missile for missile, moving more SS20s into Eastern Europe as cruise and Pershing were deployed in Western Europe.

He said the situation was abnormal and dangerous and *undertook* to "cancel" Russia's retaliatory measures if cruise and Pershing were withdrawn. President Chernenko, in a letter to American scientists published on the front page of Pravda yesterday, offered *immediate talks on the militari*-



Marshal Ustinov: Taking *the hard line*

zation of space "without conditions or reservations".

***Echoing Mr Andropov's call* last August for a ban on anti-satellite weapons, Mr Chernenko urged a total ban on space weaponry. Diplomats believe the Kremlin and the military are afraid they will be *unable to match American* developments**

● WASHINGTON: The Defence Department said there was nothing new in Mr Ustinov's warning that submarines could strike at American *targets in 10 minutes* (Reuter reports).

Saudi Air Force alerted to protect shipping

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

The United States has been privately informed that Saudi Arabia is likely to launch its highly sophisticated Air Force *in case of future attacks by* Iranian fighters close to Saudi territory in the Gulf. The prospect of the two oil giants coming into direct conflict has sent shivers of apprehension through the Reagan Administration.

The Saudi warning came from Prince Saud al-Faisal, the Saudi Foreign Minister after a one-day emergency meeting of the Arab League in Tunis. The ministers also called on the United Nations Security Council to take "firm and clear action" to end the crisis.

The US told the Gulf nations at the weekend that while it remained neutral in the Iran-Iraq conflict it was willing to join others in moves to ensure that the Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz remained open. It reaffirmed willingness to provide military escorts for tankers and other defenceless merchant vessels.

Arab countries so far have apparently not expressed any desire for direct American military involmement. All eyes now appear to be focused on the Saudis to see whether they will unleash their formidable array of US-supplied warplanes on Iraninan aircraft that threaten its shipping. For tactical reasons such attacks would, it is assumed by US Goverment officials, be restricted to an area close to Saudi territory.

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Administration officials said they understood that the sinking of the Panamanian-registered cargo ship by Iraq on Saturday followed a direct hit from an Exocet missile fired from a Super-Etendard fighter *leased to the Iraqis by France*

Although not seeking US military help, the Saudis and others have asked for reassurances in recent days that in the event of an emergency the Americans could be relied on to help.

The US has long had contingency plans to provide military escorts and air cover in the Gulf if requested. Although officially not taking sides, the US clearly inclines towards Iraq. "We are not in love with the Iraqis' a senior State Department official told *The Times*. "We find them less hateful than the Iranians."

About a fifth of the world's imported oil supplies come from the Gulf, half of which goes to Japan and Western Europe.

Iranians threaten reprisals

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

President Hojatoleslam Ali Khamenei, yesterday repeated Iran's warning that there would be repercussions if its oil *shipments were disrupted by* Iraqi attacks.

"The Gulf waters are either all secure or all insecure", he said while attending an international conference in Tehran to discuss oil spillage after an Iranian oil platform had been hit.

More ominously, the *Kayhan newspaper* in Tehran said that Iran would have to act against Suadi Arabia and Kuwait before long unless they reassessed their support of Iraq in the four-year war.

While Pakistan's defence *minister flew unannounced* to Riyadh for urgent talks on the crisis, Vice-President George Bush of the United States said on a three-day visit to Oman *that the United States* was "not in a position to try to impose a settlement of the bitter conflict."

He told a press conference that it would be more effective for "closer neighbours" of the two warring countries to work for a peaceful solution.

This seemed to reflect the policy in Whitehall, where sources would say little beyond repeating that they were in close touch with the United States and France on the matter.

● **PARIS:** France has expressed its "very great anxiety" *over the repeated* attacks against commercial vessels in the Gulf and has called on "all the parties concerned" to bring into force as rapidly as possible *the relevant UN Security* Council resolutions, including the call for an immediate cessation of hostilitis in the area. (Diana Geddes writes).

France is Iraq's second most important supplier of arms after *the Soviet Union. Its delivery* to Baghdad last October of five Super-Etendard aircraft equipped with Exocet missiles, provoked an international outcry.

There is a considerable French military presence in and around the Gulf. About 20 per cent of France's oil imports come from the Gulf.

Yelena Bonner pilloried

From Richard Owen, Moscow

With mystery surrounding the fate of Dr Andrei Sakharov, the exiled dissident scientist, *Izvestiya* yesterday accused Dr Sakharov's wife, Mrs Yelena Bonner, of trying to get to the West "over his dead body".

Izvestiya did not say whether Dr Sakharov was dying, as both relatives abroad and dissidents in Moscow believe. The Soviet Physicist was exiled to the closed town of Gorky four years ago for human rights activities, and it in poor health. He began a hunger strike on May 2 to protest against the authorities' refusal to allow his wife to go abroad for medical treatment.

Friends of the family said at *the weekend that Dr Sakharov* had been taken away from his flat in Gorky on May 7. There is speculation that he has been taken to hospital and is being force fed.

Izvestia said yesterday that *Mrs Bonner had planned to use* her husband's hunger strike to put pressure in the authorities and escape to the West, "even over his dead body".

It said Mrs Bonner was a shallow, domineering, resentful and greedy woman who had forced Dr Sakharov into his protest and was ready to betray anybody and anything for her own gain.

It claimed the KGB had *found a letter from the dissident* physicist to the American Embassy saying that in reality his health was good

● GENEVA: A young Russian soldier, Valery Didienko, interned in Switzerland for two years after being captured by the Afghan resistance, returned to Moscow yesterday on an Aeroflot flight from Zurish, having opted for repatriation (Alan McGregor writes).

Two others, Viktor Sontshuk and Yuri Powarnitsyn, also in their early twenties, whose term of internment has likewise expired, are being permitted to *remain in Switzerland*

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European campaign launched

By Our Political Editor

The Labour and Conservative parties will today open their campaigns for the elections to the European Parliament with publication of their manifestos. Mrs Margaret *Thatcher and Mr Neil Kinnock* will also appear at press conferences in London.

Labour alone of the major parties speaks of Britain retaining the option of withdrawal from the Community. To counter charges that he is lacking in European spirit, Mr Kinnock plans to appear with other Community Socialist *leaders in Paris and Rotterdam* this week

He is also to appear at a series of "rallies for a Socialist Europe" in British cities, staged with an eye to television. The first was held in Manchester yesterday.

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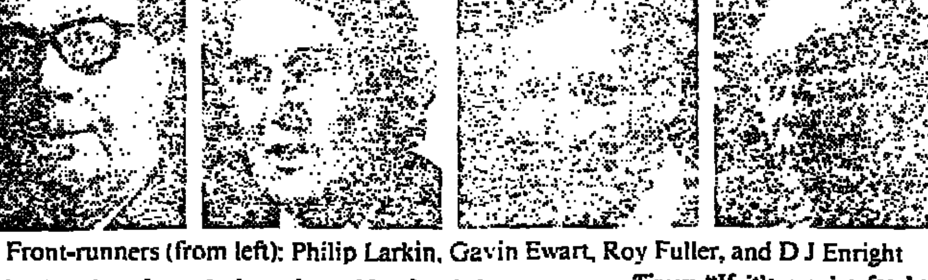
Poets line up for the Laureate's £97-a-year post

By Rupert Morris

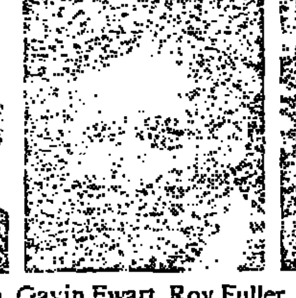
The death at 77 of the Poet Laureate, Sir John Betjeman, will have *saddened his friends,* relatives, and many admirers. It will also stimulate interest not oly in his poetry, but in poetry generlly, as the speculation increases over his successor.

Sir John *died on Saturday* at Treen, his holiday home in Trebetherick, north Cornwall. He will be buried there tomorrow at St Enodoc's Church, the tiny Norman church where he worshipped all his life, and where his mother was buried.

The post of Poet Laureate, which he held from 1972, is regarded by serious poets as something of an anacronism, and Sir John himself was not conspicuously *successful in the* traditional role of producing poetry for state occasions.







Front-runners (from left): Philip Larkin, Gavin Ewart, Roy Fuller, and D J Enright

***Former holders of the office* include Southey, Wordsworth and Tennyson, and it would be a churlish poet indeed who would turn down a title which, although only carrying a modest salary of £70 a year, plus £27 *"in lieu of a butt of sack"*, can do nothing but help propagate the versifier's art.**

Philip Larkin, aged 61, the Hull librarian is regarded by most of his peers as the best living British poet, and must be favourite for the job. Betjeman himself, when asked in 1971 who he thought should succeed Cecil Day-Lewis, *told The Times:* "If it's a prize for best poet I think it should go to Philip Larkin."

However, Larkin writes at the miserly rate of two poems a year and his last collection of verse, *High Windows*, was published in 1974.

Other crediable candidates *are* Gavin Ewart, *aged* 68, Roy Fuller, aged 72, and D J Enright, aged 64. Ewart, a prolific and witty writer, might be a suitable choice. Fuller, a *former governor of the BBC* and member of the Arts Council, seems sure to be considered. Of the other poets, Ted Hughes is probably the liveliest outsider, but he is only 54, and would be unlikely to be asked ahead of Larkin.

It may be several months before a new Poet Laureate is appointed. The appointment is made by the Queen, after consultation with the Prime Minsiter, who can be expected to canvass the views of among others, the Poetry Society and *the Arts Council.*

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Pit strikers would vote to return now, key pits poll indicates

By Paul Routledge and Barrie Clement

Soundings of the mood of the miners in two "barometer" coalfields suggest that if a strike ballot was held today there would be a vote for a return to work.

It is notoriously difficult for outsiders to assess the true feelings of pitmen in dispute, but the views of the National Union of Mineworkers' in Lancashire and Derbyshire tends towards a "no-strike" result should the union's executive change course and order a secret pithead poll.

An assessment of opinion taken in informal surroundings by *The Times* labour staff over the past few days in the two areas, which have consistently been closest to the national result in miners' ballots, prompted predictions that the anti-strike majority would be between 50 and 60 per cent of those voting.

In the Labour Club in the pit yard of Golborne colliery, Lancashire, the strikers and those who are still crossing the picket lines are refusing to talk to one another. Their union branch secretary, Mr Ronnie Gaskell, fears for relationships within the colliery when work eventually resumes.

"If Arthur Scargill ballots the membership, they will vote no to a strike". Mr Gaskell argued. "It would be slightly larger than the 59 per cent majority", the figure recorded in a coalfield poll when the dispute began.

It would, therefore, be "stupid" to hold a ballot, he added, and the Lancashire area of the union has called on its 7,000 members not to cross their own picket lines. About 1,000 men in the coalfield were reporting for work last week, but only one pit, Agecroft, near Manchester, was working normally.

The men there have vowed to sign on for their shift every day until a strike ballot is held, but men like Mr Alan Mitchell, aged 46, a Golborne development worker, insists that the miners must support the Scargill line after voting him into the presidency. "We have to back him up; he has never told us any lies, so we have to believe him now."

Mr Peter Varkulis, aged 31, an electrician, was "very sad" to be crossing the picket line, but said that it was a matter of principle, a view which made some of the strikers pick up their drink and leave. That bitterness will remain long after the return to work, union officials fear, as those who struck and those who went in return to their confined underground environment.

In north Derbyshire, the mood of militants and convinced moderates is deeply entrenched and often bitter. There are still those, nevertheless, who can be swayed by events.

A national ballot now would probably result in a vote for resumption of work in north Derbyshire, but it would be close. Even local leaders of the union admit privately that a ballot would be finely balanced. There is no talk among the leadership of a vast majority.

The volatility of the situation is illustrated by men such as Mr Ged Vodden, aged 24, an oil sampler at Markham colliery, a "big-hitting" pit complex hard by the M1.

At the start of the strike Mr Vodden was a self-confessed "scab". Mr Scargill and the intimidation of the massed *pickets did not stop him going* to work, he said.

Now he says he realizes that Mr Scargill is right: "The best man who ever put on a pair of boots." It was the police behaviour on picket lines which convinced him, and a speech by Mr Tony Benn.

But on Friday, at Markham, much to management's surprise, a solitary pitman turned up for work. The National Coal Board predicts that today he should have plenty of company.

Mr Andre Bradley, aged 44, a control room operator, and his son, Garry, aged 18, a haulage worker underground, are convinced that police activity has produced a move towards militancy which would give a big majority in favour of the strike.

Mr Gordon Butler, area secretary of the union, believes a ballot now would be irrelevant "because of the sacrifices that have been made by the people on strike".

The indication of a "No" result from Lancashire and Derbyshire will, if anything, stiffen the resolve of the left not to hold a pithead ballot that could backfire, even though only a simple majority of those voting is required to mount a full strike.

The value of the two coalfields as "barometers" may be overestimated in in the present dispute because the sheer size of Yorkshire could make all the difference to the result.

Kent leader to appear in court

● Mr Malcolm Pitt, president of the Kent miners, is due to appear before Ramsgate magistrates today after being arrested for an alleged breach of bail conditions in going to a power station picket line. He was arrested on Saturday afternoon shortly after arriving at Richborough power station with a visiting Japanese miners' union official to show him the picket line. Mr Pitt, who will be held at a Ramsgate police station until the hearing, and 11 Kent miners had earlier been charged with obstructing and threatening behaviour.

Village school

● Parents at the mining village of Pantyffordd in West Glamorgan, have set up their own school in a village hall after being told that their children's bus fares to a state primary school would no longer be subsidized.

Denning defence

● The police should have a right to defend themselves during violent demonstrations without being accused of brutality, Lord Denning, former Master of the Rolls, said yesterday. Speaking on TV-am, he commended officers for their handling of the miners' dispute and their action in stopping coachloads of miners from reaching Nottinghamshire pits.

On parade: Sir Kenneth Newman, Commissioner of Metropolitan Police, speaking to a woman special constable at Hendon yesterday during an inspection of special constables from the Number Three area. Sir Kenneth hopes to inspect all his "specials" by area before 1987, when a full Metropolitan parade is planned (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

'No scandal' behind car charity

By Nicholas Timmins
Social Services Correspondent

Lord Goodman, chairman of Motability, the Government-backed charity that provides cars for the disabled, yesterday condemned as outrageous and a total misrepresentation a claim that there was a scandal behind the charity's fund-raising efforts.

His comments came as Barry Sheene, the former world motor cycle champion, made a BBC television appeal for funds for the charity, which has all-party support and the Queen as its chief patron.

Since its foundation in 1977, the charity has provided 33,000 cars for the disabled at cheap rates through a £100m revolving loan arranged through the clearing banks.

A report in the *Sunday People* claimed that 83p of every £1 raised by the charity's collecting boxes went in running costs. Of £273,000 raised by the boxes in the past three years, £227,000 had gone in overheads.

Lord Goodman said the amounts raised by the collecting boxes had been a great disappointment, but there was no scandal. The charity had spent £134,000 on buying the boxes since 1981 in the hope that they would bring in perhaps £400,000 a year

Festival to go on despite bombing

From Richard Ford, Belfast

The annual international fishing festival in Ulster's lakeland will be held next year despite the Provisional IRA bombing, but soldiers are likely to be barred.

Two soldiers, one who lost both legs, and a police reservist are very seriously ill in hospital after two separate blasts on Friday in Armagh and Fermanagh in which four members of the security forces died.

The upsurge in violence is seen as a response to the New Ireland Forum report, as well as letting republicans know that the synchronization of the "ballot box and Armalite" approach to politics continues as Provisional Sinn Fein, political wing of the provisional IRA, contests the European elections.

The Army is likely to review security for off-duty soldiers and advise all military personnel of the dangers of letting their guard slip.

The soldiers who died were Corporal Thomas Agar, aged 35, married with one son, from Jarrow, Tyne and Wear, and Lance Corporal Robert Huggins, aged 29, married with three sons, from Gorton, Manchester. They were serving with the 1st Battalion Royal Regiment of Fusiliers, based at Ballykelly, co Londonderry.

The deaths bring to five the number of regular soldiers killed this year, the total for 1983.

Several off-duty soldiers were permitted to join 400 anglers in the five-day Sealink Classic angling contest on Lough Erne, co Fermanagh.

But what will alarm senior officers is that the murdered men made no secret that they were soldiers.

One fisherman said: "It appears they had actually shown their weapons and talked about serving in the Army".

Also, their addresses on the competitors' list were given as Ballykelly, which when linked with their surnames would yield clues as to their identities.

But a problem for the Army is that troops stationed in the province for two years cannot be restrained to bases, which makes them targets for terrorists, particularly if they become lax or routine in their personal security arrangements.

Skeleton identified

The skeleton of a man found in a peat bog near Dundalk, Louth, is believed to be that of Eugene Simmons, aged 27, a father of four who disappeared from a house in co Down, in 1981. Detectives say it is not that of Captain Robert Nairac.

New NoW steps up tabloid war

Early sales estimates indicated last night that the *News of the World* had scored an impressive first day victory in the intensified Sunday tabloid newspaper war.

The *News of the World*, the last of Britain's mass-circulation papers to go tabloid, was believed to have sold 500,000 extra copies of its first new-size edition.

Sales of its two main rivals, the *Sunday Mirror* and the *Sunday People*, appeared, as expected, to be down because of interest stimulated by the new tabloid and the £900,000 spent on advertising it.

Sunday newspaper buying habits across the market were disturbed and *The Mail on Sunday* and the *Sunday Express* were also affected.

Crossword area winner

Mr Terry Girdlestone, aged 54, a mathematician by profession who plays competitive bridge, won the Bristol regional final of the Collins Dictionaries/*Times* Crossword Championship at the Grand Hotel, Bristol yesterday (John Grant, Crossword Editor, writes). He has appeared in the national final five times.

He solved the four championship puzzles in an average of 12½ minutes each, beating by two minutes Professor Roy Davies, of Leicester University. Mrs Lois Clark, of Monacute, Somerset, was third. All three go to the national final in London in September. The prizes were presented by Mr Edmund Akenhead, who retired as Crossword Editor of *The Times* last October.

RAF men killed

Two airmen were found dead yesterday after an RAF Buccaneer on an exercise crashed in the Moray Firth, about 20 miles from Fraserburgh. The aircraft, crewed by a pilot and navigator, was one of six from RAF Lossiemouth taking part in the exercise. Rescue men later found wreckage.

Art grant spent

The National Gallery of Scotland in Edinburgh has spent all its 1984 funds on prints and drawings on a seventeenth-century masterpiece 6in across, by Nicolas Poussin. The £160,000 cost was a record for the gallery. It raised more than £60,000 elsewhere.

Bishop to retire

The Right Rev Douglas Feaver, the Bishop of Peterborough, and the oldest diocesan Bishop in England, announced at a synod meeting this weekend that he is to retire in October, at the age of 70.

Coal board faces oil power bill

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

The National Coal Board faces an increasing bill for the electicity industry's stategy of preserving coal stocks at power stations.

The Central Electricity Generating Board (CEGB) has spent £150m on heavy fuel oil on the Rotterdam spot market to maintain maximum output at its five big oil-fired stations.

But electricity generated by oil is up to a quarter more expensive than that from coal and that will be passed-on to the coal board.

In 1970, another nationalized industry, British Rail, had to compensate the CEGB for increasing its oil burning after a rail strike affected coal deliveries.

The CEGB refused yesterday to confirm reports that coal stocks grew at power stations last week as deliveries from working mines totalled 700,000 tonnes, compared with a burn of 600,000 tonnes.

It has not tried to import any of the six million tonnes of Australian coal it holds in Rotterdam and Antwerp.

An estimated four million tonnes of the twenty million tonnes in stock at the start of the miners' strike have been burnt.

Since May 1 more than half of electricity generated in England and Wales has been produced by oil and nuclear stations, with the Dinorwic hydro-station in Wales being used to meet sudden demand. Supply is also supplemented from Scotland.

Conran speeds building project to save £3m tax

By Charles Knevitt
Architecture Correspondent

Sir Terence Conran, chairman of the Habitat/Mothercare retail chain, hopes to save about £3m in value-added tax on a £30m development scheme in the London docklands by obtaining planning permission and signing a contract for it before June 1.

From that date 15 per cent tax is payable on all building work except new construction. Sir Terence said that the difference between signing before and after June 1 meant not doing it at all.

The scheme is for the development of a residential, retail, offices, and leisure complex on a 12-acre site of derelict riverside warehouses at Butlers Wharf, on the south bank of the Thames just east of Tower Bridge.

The only exemption to the new tax, the Government confirmed last week, will be alterations to listed buildings, although it will still apply to their repair and maintenance.

The consortium hoping to develop Butlers Wharf include: Habitat/Mothercare, Jacob Rothschild, and Alistair McAlpine. The project managers are Conran Roche, a company set up by Sir Terence and Mr Fred Lloyd Roche, an architect and former general manager of Milton Keynes Development Corporation.

Sir Terence: Planning £30m docklands complex.

Mr Roche said: "We have accelerated into six weeks what would normally have taken six months". He is optimistic that outline planning permission will be given by the London Docklands Development Corporation, the local planning authority, in time for the contract to be signed with the building firm.

Lords set to defeat housing Bill

By David Walker

Government ministers fear they could lose the whole of the Housing and Building Control Bill because of opposition in the Lords.

A coalition of Alliance and Labour peers aided by a few Conservative rebels has doggedly fought the Bill's provisions on public housing for the elderly. The Bill is in danger of running out of time and being lost.

Meanwhile, the Bill's provision to speed up the sale of council houses will be further delayed.

Lord Whitelaw, the leader of the Lords, will begin meetings with Conservative peers this week to try to persuade them to attend debates and toe the party line on the Bill's final appearance in the Lords next month.

Tenants 'ousted'

Shelter, the national campaign for the homeless, has gathered evidence that suggests that thousands of council tenants have been given notice to quit in order to preempt the Bill's provision to extend security of tenure and give some tenants the right to buy.

Vandalism suspected at Normandy war graves

By Staff Reporters

Police officers in Bayeux, in Normandy, northern France, are studying a gravel-like substance thought to be weed-killer found sprinkled on the lawn in front of the Commonwealth war memorial there, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission said yesterday.

The memorial is directly opposite the war cemetery, the biggest of 18 in the Calvados region of Normandy, which the Queen is to visit next month to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of the Allied landings.

The substance was discovered on Thursday night. There was no indication as to who was responsible for the apparent attempt at vandalism and there had been no report of similar incidents at any of the other cemeteries.

The memorial, designed by the late Philip Hepworth in Portland and Normandy stone and brick, comprises two loggias in classical form linked by a gallery with four columns, and a frieze with the inscription *Nos a Gulielmo victi, victoris patriam liberavimus*, or, "We, once conquered by William, have now set free the conqueror's native land".

Poly High Court action

The battle between Mr Patrick Harrington, aged 19, a National Front member and student at the North London Polytechnic, and other students, who refused to allow him to attend lectures, enters a critical stage today when his lawyer seeks an injunction in the High Court against the polytechnic's

Mr Harrington's lawyer, Miss Tessa Sempik, is seeking the injunction against the authorities as well as the students to make sure he can attend lectures. She is expected to argue that they have frustrated the courts' will by cancelling his lectures for safety reasons.

Views invited on fraud trial options

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

New ways of trying criminals on fraud charges instead of trial by jury have been canvassed by the newly appointed committee on fraud trials under Lord Roskill.

The committee was set up last year in response to growing concern that the law and procedure governing long and complex fraud trials were inadequate.

Some senior judges had called for the abolition of trial by jury in cases of serious fraud and the committee is inviting comment on options that might be adopted instead.

The committee says that among suggestions are trial by a single judge sitting either with assessors or with a jury, possibly smaller than at present and selected for its special qualification, or trial by three judges, one with special qualifications, sitting without a jury.

£78,000 for Traherne MS rescued from rubbish tip

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

A seventeenth-century manuscript, which had been rescued from a burning Lancashire rubbish dump, was auctioned by Christies in New York on Friday for $110,000 or £78,014 (estimate $100,000-$150,000) and acquired by Quaritch, the London dealers, on behalf of the British Library.

The 390 closely written pages are in the hand of Thomas Traherne, the poet and divine, and represent the start of an uncompleted work, *Commentaries of Heaven*.

He was aiming to compile an alphabetical commentary on how the felicity of heaven could be read in a earthly matters, but, starting with "Abhorrence", the manuscript got only as far as "Bastard", passing "Angell", "Ant" and "Antichrist" en route. It was written between 1671 and 1674.

Most of Traherne's work remained unknown and unpublished until the 1890s when the manuscript of his *Centuries of Meditation* was discovered on a Farringdon Road bookstall in London and he emerged as one of the influential poets of his century.

The manuscript was sent for sale at Christie's by Mr and Mrs J. L. Wookey, of Agincourt, north-east of Toronto. Mr Wookey used to work as a scrap metal dealer in the Midlands and emigrated in 1968. Sometimes he had received permission to sort through a smouldering rubbish dump to look for metal scraps. He noticed the volume, the cover already burning, and rescued it.

● To collect the signature of every man who signed the American Declaration of Independence in 1776 has long been an American collector's dream and one of the "best" sets put together was sold for $352,000 (estimated $250,000-$275,000), or £249,645 at Christie's in New York.

It was bought by Mr Kenneth W. Rendell Newton, a Massachusetts dealer.

Commentary



Geoffrey Smith

It is not only the Labour Party that is capable of tying itself in knots over nuclear defence, as the Liberal Council demonstrated at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday. The one consolation for the Alliance is that it might have been worse.

A unilateralist motion calling for a purely European non-nuclear defence organization to replace Nato was remitted for consideration by the party assembly in the autumn only after it had received a good deal of support in debate. As it was, the council voted for the immediate withdrawal of cruise missiles from this country.

It might be argued that that decision does not matter because the Liberal Assembly had already voted against the deployment of cruise missiles as long ago as 1981, that Liberal and Social Democratic MPs united against deployment in the House of Commons at the end of October, and that anyway the Liberal Council, being composed largely of activists, is not representative of the party at large.

But the critical point is that the council has now taken a position that conflicts with the Alliance manifesto for the European parliamentary elections, which seeks simply to "suspend further deployment of cruise and Pershing missiles to give the Soviet Union an opportunity to come back to the conference table". In other words, the manifesto accepts, in the meantime, the missiles that are already here.

Effect of reinforcing Owen's doubts

The Liberal Council is the policy-making body of the party between assemblies, and it cannot be taken for granted that the activists who dominate it will be unable to sway the subsequent assembly. It will therefore be entirely legitimate for all Liberal candidates in the European elections to be quizzed as to whether they agree with the council or stand by the manifesto.

That will be embarrassing during the campaign which gets under way this week. The council's decision may also have a more damaging long-term effect on the Alliance, because it is likely to reinforce the doubts of Dr Owen and some other leading Social Democrats that Liberal politicians are the kind with whom they want to be very closely linked.

The council's decision is not just a momentary aberration on a sunny Saturday morning. It reflects a serious division of opinion between the SDP and a great many, possibly a majority of, active Liberals.

The SDP has never seriously opposed the deployment of some cruise missiles in the county. It has made its support conditional upon what happens in disarmament negotiations, and it has also argued consistently for a dual-key system.

It was only after an Alliance amendment to that effect was rejected in the House of Commons last October that the Social Democratic MPs voted with the Liberals against deployment.

Too small an army without Liberals

In his new year message this year, Dr Owen said explicitly: "We are right ... not to oppose Nato's initial deployment of cruise. We will campaign for a temporary freeze on further depoyment of cruise in the hope that the Soviet Union will return to negotiate ..."

That line was confirmed by the Council for Social Democracy at Aston later in January, and the Liberal leadership has accepted the case for simply halting the further deployment of cruise, which is now wet out in the Alliance European manifesto.

But the Liberals activists want to have nothing to do with cruise at all, and whole cast of mind on defence is far less robust than Dr Owen's. Listening to Saturday's debate I could sympathize with his inclination to maintain a sertain distance from the Liberals. Yet I still believe that that cannot be in his interest. Without the Liberals, he would be a general with too small an army to count.

Saturday's decision does not mark the end of the defence debate in the Liberal Party. It will rage intensively between now and the assembly, and the outcome will be critical to the future of the Alliance. The leading Social Democrats need to be in a position to influence such debates as well as the thinking of their own party.

Overseas selling prices
Austria Sch 20; Belgium B frs 50; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pes 170; Cyprus 700 mils; Denmark Dkr 8.50; Finland Mkk 8.00; France Frs 7.00; Germany DM 3.50; Greece Dr 100; Holland Gl 3.40; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2200; Luxembourg Lf 35; Madeira Esc 120; Morocco Dir 8.00; Norway Kr 8.50; Pakistan Rps 18; Portugal Esc 125; Singapore $6.50; Spain Pes 170; Sweden Skr 8.50; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Tunisia Din 0.700; USA $1.75; Yugoslavia Din 100

Heseltine under pressure from Service chiefs to modify reorganization

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

The most senior officers of the Royal Navy, the Army, and the Royal Air Force have formally made known to Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, their anxieties about some aspects of his scheme for reorganizing the highest levels of the Ministry of Defence.

They are understood to have done so in a memorandum which sets out arguments in favour of the individual Services' retaining a more effective role in policy formation and other matters than Mr Heseltine intends them to have.

Under his scheme, which was published in outline in March, and of which the details are being worked out, the individual Services would lose their policy-forming staffs; they wuld be concentrated in a single organization under the Chief of Defence Staff.

The memorandum to Mr Heseltine is believed to have been signed by Admiral Sir John Fieldhouse, Chief of the Naval Staff and First Sea Lord, General Sir John Stanier, Chief of the General Staff, and Air Chief Marshal Sir Keith Williamson, Chief of the Air Staff.

The Services have been surprised that Mr Heseltine should have launched his far-reaching proposals after discussing them with only a handful of people. It is said that even Field Marshal Sir Edwin Bramall, Chief of the Defence Staff, was not involved until about two days before the scheme was published.

Mr Heseltine says he did so because it was inevitable that his ideas would leak out as soon as a larger number of people was brought into the discussions. It is also probable that he foresaw the hostility he would arouse and he may have felt that he could achieve his reforms only through bouncing the Services into them by a surprise publication.

The chiefs of the individual Services are believed to take the view that Mr Heseltine has invested so much political capital in his scheme that it is inevitable that something fairly closely resembling it will be implemented.

Their memorandum, therefore, does not amount to root-and-branch opposition to his scheme, not does it offer an alternative organizational structure to his.

Their strategy appears to be to accept the broad thrust of Mr Heseltine's plan, but to seek modifications to it to eliminate what are seen as its more harmful defects.

The Service chiefs are understood in the memorandum to have set out principled argument in favour of the individual Services' retaining an effective capability in such matters as resource allocation, assessment of operational requirements, and policy formation, and against the chiefs of staff being reduced to the role of managers of their Services.

One solution which has been mooted, though probably not in the chiefs' memorandum, is that some elements of the central policy staffs should have a role related specifically to an individual Service, for example, Operational Requirements (Royal Navy), and that in such cases that section should be responsible not only to the Chief of Defence Staff, as Mr Heseltine wishes, but also to the relevant single Service chief of staff.

It is understood that the chiefs are not resisting Mr Heseltine's stated intention to abolish the positions of vice-chiefs of staffs, though it is being said that someone will have to do a similar job, possibly downgraded by one rank.



Last foal of Troy's line



Classic pedigree: The last foal of Troy, the 200th Derby winner, who died last May aged seven, standing alongside his mother, Amadina, at the National Stud, Newmarket.

The bay colt was born on April 25 at Tim Holland-Martin's Overbury Stud in Gloucestershire.

The brilliant son of Petingo, owned by Sir Michael Sobell and Lord Wienstock, was syndicated to stud, at a capital value of £7.2m. His death was a bitter blow for European breeders.

Amadina, who won three races, has produced two winners. (Photographs: Brian Harris.)

High Street shops set for May sales boom

By Edward Townsend
Industrial Correspondent

Britain's high street sales boom, deflated by bad winter weather and a late Easter, is enjoying a spring fillip and shopkeepers are set for record trading in May.

The latest distributive trades survey published today by the Confederation of British Industry indicates that 70 per cent of retailers expect their sales to be higher this month than a year ago, with only 6 per cent predicting a dip.

However, because the expectations of shops and stores have not been fully realized during the past four months, the CBI is remaining cautious about immediate prospects. Mr John Salisse, chairman of the survey panel, said: "It is too early to say whether May will be better than last month, which was a very good one, surpassing the record levels reached in the last quarter of 1983". In April, 71 per cent of retailers reported increased sales on a year earlier, 55 per cent said orders placed with suppliers were up, and 60 per cent had increased their stocks.

In the year ended in April, the confectionery, tobacco, and newspapers sector was the only one to report a decrease in orders placed with suppliers. It was also the only sector to destock during the years.

Expectations are most cautious in the motor trades, where 48 per cent of firms expect sales this month to remain at last year's level.

Blossoms for romance

Fresh flowers are the most romantic gift for a woman, said 65 per cent of women, among more than 1,000 people interviewed in a Gallup poll for Interflora on the eve of the Chelsea Flower Show.

Lingrie came next (18 per cent); then theatre tickets (9 per cent); and chocolates (5 per cent).

Yeast pills could speed making of champagne

By Jane MacQuitty

A French research programme into tiny porous yeast capsules could speed up the costly process of making champagne.

The hitherto secret research has been conducted jointly by the Champagne region's official body, the Comité Interprofessionnel de Vin de Champagne (CIVC), and the world's largest champagne producer, Moët et Chandon, but it will take at least two more years of research before the industry knows whether the new encapsulated yeast system will work.

The yeast capsules made from a neutral gelatine membrane induce champagne to bubble as usual during the second fermentation but also trap the yeasty sediment. Removing the capsules should be much quicker than the present laborious *remuage* method of standing the bottles upside down in wooden racks, gradually shaking by hand the sediment down on to the cork before removing cork and sediment.

Both the CIVC and Moët et Chandon have emphasized that the encapsulated yeast method is still at the experimental and confidential stage, with M Yves Bernard, chairman of the champagne makers, admitting that he knew the Spanish sparkling wine firm were looking at it.

According to M André Enders, of the CIVC, although there have been "interesting results" the official body is now trying to make the yeast method work on a commercial scale.

Unlike the CIVC, M Bernard feels that even with the new system *remuage* would still have to take place, although with less time in the racks. He saw its chief advantage not in speeding up *remuage* but in gaining valuable bottle storage space in the cellars. He concluded: "It is not a revolution it is an evolution".

Link with surveyors opposed

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

Discussions are expected to be set up between the Law Society and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors over possible partnerships between solicitors and estate agents who are chartered surveyors.

Present rules forbid solicitors entering into partnership with members of other professions and also insist that their practices are run as partnerships and not limited liability companies. But fears over competition for conveyancing work is forcing the profession to consider a variety of options in the way it carries out its work.

The idea of multi-discipline partnerships is one of the topics to be debated on Wednesday at a conference in London of presidents and secretaries of local law societies throughout England and Wales.

There is pressure from some solicitors for their practice rules to be changed to allow such an initiative, but a Law Society working paper to be debated at the conference is not in favour.

It says that, although partnerships offer "a deceptively attractive solution to many of the difficulties the profession willl face", they might "undermine the character of the profession" and will ultimately lead to the "disintegration of each of the professions involved".

The paper adds tht it would be unrealistic to expect partnerships with chartered surveyors alone "to suffice to answer the needs the profession will face". It would be difficult, it says, to avoid such partnerships with non-professional estate agents, mortgage brokers, and others.

TV-am chief to go in cuts dispute

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

The commercial breakfast station TV-am is to lose its editor-in-chief, Mr Greg Dyke, who is credited with boosting the ratings from a disastrous 200,000 viewers a year ago to 1.4 million, a position which frequently beats the station's rival BBC programme.

Mr Dyke is expected to resign tomorrow after a clash with the company's new managing director, Mr Bruce Gyngell, who arrived at TV-am on May 4.

The company refused to comment on Mr Dyke's position yesterday. But it is understood that he decided to resign on Thursday night over plans for more economies.

Mr Gyngell, an Australian who was brought in after changes in the company's shareholdings which gave Fleet Holdings and Mr Kerry Packer the two principal stakes, is believed to have concluded that more cuts in production costs are essential for survival.

TV-am is attracting advertising revenue of about £1m a month but is costing £1.3m to run. Even with its expected increase in advertising revenues during the Los Angeles Olympics, the station is still living beyong is means, and must reduce its overheads, Mr Gyngell is believed to have told Mr Dyke, a former London Weekend Television executive.

Mr Dyke is thought to have received £40,000 a year to come to the station, with an audience-related bonus which now gives him a total salary of between £60,000 and £80,000.

TV-am journalists were disappointed at the thought of losing Mr Dyke. One member of the production staff said: "I think most people will be sorry to see him go because he has won a lot of respect".

Rubbish is 'worth £2,000m'

Britain's imports bill for raw materials could be cut by up to £2,000m and energy costs could be much reduced if more rubbish was recycled with new technology, a report in *Footloose*, the environmental magazine, says.

The British recycling rate in 1982 was the worst in the EEC, the report says. About 5 per cent of refuse was used to generate heat, while 30 million tonnes are dumped annually

Farmers are said to burn six million tonnes of straw, worth £600m

Women 'harassed by tutors'

Women undergraduates at Oxford University who have suffered sexual harassment by tutors are having great difficulty persuading college authorities to take the complaints seriously, a report issued today says.

Women undergraduates, replying to questionnaires from the Oxford University Student Women's committee, alleged 63 incidents, including one case of rape, one of "coerced sex", four assaults, seven physical approaches, and four propositions.

In 11 cases college tutors were responsible and in 12 external tutors were involved, the report alleges. It says that 18 cases involved male undergraduates. Questionnaires were sent to all 3,000 women undergraduates; 361 were returned.

The report says: "There were worrying allegations that violence against women students by their male colleagues had been hushed up by colleges anxious to avoid scandal.

Kiwi fruit from Guernsey

Guernsey, which provided almost 30 per cent of Britain's summer tomatoes, is going through a vegetable revolution. Glasshouses that used to produce tomatoes are homes for exotic plants such as melons and kiwi fruits.

The island's economy was affected when the Dutch Government gave its producers cheap fuel for heating. That led to more than 348 acres of tomatoes being lost in the past 10 years.

This year Guernsey will supply only 25,000 tonnes of tomatoes, compared with 60,000 tonnes in 1974, but the island has been growing cucumbers, celery beans, asparagus, and fennel. One producer has even started to retail tomato wine.

Step towards unmanned railway

By Michael Baily, Transport Editor

Advanced electronic equipment being installed on the Bedford to St Pancras commuter line north of London could make it Britain's first completely automatic railway.

The equipmnt enables one computerized signal box to control the entire 50-mile line, including driverless trains, unmanned stations, and announcements to passengers on trains and stations.

For several weeks now, unknown to passengers, station announcements at Bedford have been made in words no human being spoke.

The voice is that of Chris Kay, a North Country announcer, but the words were selected by computer in what is claimed to be the world's most advanced technique for reconstituting the human voice.

Unlike the new talking dashboards on cars, which use electronic sound and talk like robots, the BR system takes an actual human voice, chops it into sounds one nine-thousandth of a second long, stores them digitally, then reconstitutes them at will.

Dowty Electronics, the developer of the system, regard it as a big breakthrough, and sound systems have already been ordered by Australia Spencer Street Station in Melbourne, South Africa, Canada, Germany and Scotland.

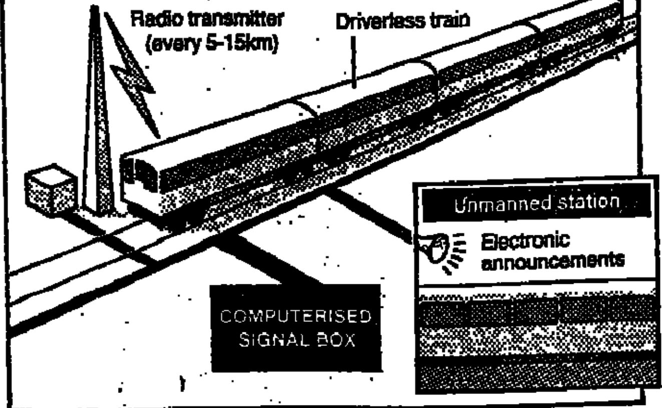
"We can do a Glasgow accent or an Edinburgh one", according to Mr Derek Wylde, Dowty's director of the project. "We can make it seductive, maternal or aggressive." The system is much cheaper and more flexible than using announcers or tape-recorded announcements, Dowty claims.

Train control is achieved through lineside cables between the power signal box with its video and computer radio transmitters at intervals of 5 to 15 kilometres along the track. The transmitters, in turn, beam messages to passing trains.

For the present, the system is limited to two-way communications between the driver and the signalman controlling the train. It is a valuable advance and means that in an emergency a driver need no longer stop the train and walk along the line to a telephone; he can talk direct to the signalman and, if necesary, to rail management.

But the entire network, with hundreds of commuters travelling up and down the line or waiting at dozens of stations, could be controlled with this system from a single point in the signal box. That brave new world of the railways still seems some way off, however.

The Bedford to St Pancras line was stalled for 18 months over a dispute about guards. A similar dispute continues at the neighbouring Great Northern Line from King's Cross to Welwyn Garden City where a similar system is being installed.



Campaign for Europe: 1

Threat to dozen Tories in cities



The campaign proper for next month's European elections gets under way today with the publication of the Conservative and Labour manifestos. The Social Democratic Party-Liberal Alliance and the regional and special interest parties have already published their programmes. In the first of four articles on Britain's 81 Euro-constituencies, *David Cross* analyses the difficulties confronting the main political parties contesting the 66 seats in England.

The three-cornered battle for English seats in next month's European elections will be fought most fiercely in the main conurbations of the Midlands and the North-west. For it is there that nearly all the Conservative and Labour marginals lie.

As the campaign opens, Conservative candidates in these key areas are aware that the recent local and by-election results could spell disaster for them if the same trend is repeated when voters go to the polls on June 14.

In a study published today Professor Richard Rose, of the Centre for the Study of Public Policy at Strathclyde, points out that the Conservatives would lose 12 seats in England on the basis of this month's by-elections.

That pessimistic view is not shared by Conservative campaign managers. They argue that all sorts of other factors, such as turn-out and organizational abilities, will work to their advantage. They concede privately, however, that half a dozen seats are highly vulnerable. They include both Birmingham and Midlands West which covers the Wolverhampton area.

Outside the urban marginals, most Conservative candidates are sitting pretty however unpopular Margaret Thatcher's Government may prove to be. About 40 of the 55 seats held by Conservative members in the outgoing European Parliament are so safe that it would take a shift in public opinion of cataclysmic proportions to remove them.

They range from London South-West with a majority of just 15 per cent (based on the June, 1983, general election figures) to the two fortresses of West Sussex and Surrey West with huge majorities of more than 30 per cent over the SDP-Liberal Alliance.

In rural England, the biggest challenge to Conservative candidates is likely to come from the Alliance which will be fighting its first European election campaign. But although Alliance candidates may emerge as strong runners-up in many constituencies, only in Cornwall and Plymouth do they stand any realistic chance of capturing a seat from the Conservatives.

On the basis of Professor Rose's calculations the prospect for Labour is fairly rosy if it can mobilize its supporters. As a result partly of boundary changes since the 1979 European elections and an advance by the Alliance it could almost double its representations in Strasbourg from 11 to 21 seats in England, he calculates.

Against that, only about half the seats held by Labour can be regarded as totally safe. With the exception of London North East, they are all to the noryh of Conservative-held Derbyshire.

The most crucial test for Labour will be Greater Manchester West, which was won by the Conservatives in 1979 with a thin margin.

The Labour candidate this time is Mrs Barbara Castle, perhaps Britain's best known MP in Strasbourg and, more important, the leader of the Labour delegation in the European Parliament. She has been forced to fight that marginal, which on the basis of the general election results would have had a Labour majority of just more than 3 per cent, because of boundary changes.

Only two of the seats won by Labour in 1979 might conceivably fall to the Alliance. These are Northumbria, and Leeds, where the Alliance and the Conservatives mounted strong challenges last June.

The greatest challenge for all three parties during the forthcoming campaign will be to persuade voters to turn out on June 14.

The latest Gallup poll indicated that only 13 per cent of the electorate were aware of the election at the beginning of last week. But the same opinion survey also found that 41 per cent of its sample would certainly go to the polls.

Sir Henry Plumb, leader of the Conservative delegation to the European Parliament, conceded last week that many farmers were extremely angry about the deal and that could lead to abstentions among potential supporters

But such problems pale into insignificance against Labour's task of trying to explain to its supporters why they should bother with an institution which the party was intent on withdrawing only a year ago.

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Tomorrow: Scotland.

Timing and terms still undisclosed

Zia stands firm on election pledge

From Michael Hamlyn
Islamabad

The miliary dictator of Pakistan, President Zia-ul-Haq, is holding fast to his plans for elections for a controlled return to democracy by March, 1985.

Basking in the afterglow of the visit by the US Vice-President, Mr George Bush – the highest level visit since President Nixon called in 1969 – General Zia declared that the project was proceeding.

"Does the programme stand? Answer affirmative", he said. "And yes, in block capitals".

A soft drink on the table before him as he waited at Lahore airport, the General indicated, however, that the pain of election, like the taste of unpleasant medicine, was likely to be minimized by an uncommonly swift approach.

"We are looking forward, or we are planning for a short election campaign", he said. But in addition to a short election campaign he is also planning to allow only a short time for opposition to his plans for the basis of those elections.

"We will announce all these in a package", he said. "In other words, all the decisions will be announced at one time. Elections will be held on this basis: they will be held on such and such a date; election campaign starts on such and such date, closes on such and such date, polls on such and such date."

By "the basis for the elections" the military regime means whether or not political parties will be allowed to contest them, and who will be qualified to vote or stand for election.

"Qualificatons and disqualifications will be laid down by the present Government", the President said, making it plain that the return to democarcy was likely to be very carefully controlled indeed.

"We have a list of disqualifications, which I will not be able to give you at this time", he added. "It certainly will not be a disqualification for a person to have been a member of any political party, or even an office-bearer."



President Zia: Keeping cards close to his chest

Would it be a disqualification to have been in jail during the recent political disturbances?

"I am sure you know that people here consider it to be a qualification", the President smiled. But he made clear that no political leader or party member would be disqualified – as such.

It is also clear that President Zia and the generals who form the Government have already decided when the elections will be, but are playing it close to the chest. "Although I know and we have discussed it among ourselves – I'm afraid it will not be appropriate to give out the programme as yet", he said.

Also still not clear is the exact role of the so-called National Security Council. The President denies that it will be a way of enabling the military to continue controlling affairs. "I stated that the armed forces will have no additional role than already defined in the constitution. The National Security Council has nothing to do with the armed forces' role – as such", he said.

Then he added, opaquely: "The National Security Council is envisaged to be a supreme security council, which is to take certain decision, and to help the Government and the President and the Prime Minister in riving at certain critical decisions, in only special circumstances."

The President, who is also Chief Martial Law Administrator, is concerned to improve relations with India, and to that end welcomed the visit to Pakistan at the weekend of the Indian Foreign Secretary (the senior civil servant in the External Affairs Ministry), Mr M. K. Rasgotra.

The President expects some progress to be made on the no-war pact (offered by Pakistan) of the treaty of friendship and cooperation (counter-offered by India). The two are more or less identical, according to the President, except for two clauses – one which requires a guarantee that no foreign bases be established, the other that all issues be settled bilaterally.

"We feel that these two clauses are unnecessary, unwarranted and tantamount to undermining Pakistan's authority. No sovereign state can ever expect to agree to such clauses", he said.

He would also like to see a reduction of tension on the Indo-Pakistan border. Both countries have heavy concentrations of troops facing each other across the frontier. According to General Zia, "Pakistan has not developed any additional bases on our border, but India in the past five or ten years has developed military posts, cantonments, built new airfields, and has thus created conditions which are of great concern to us from a security point of view."

The President says he has urged Mrs Indira Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister, to make some withdrawals of troops.

"But", he said reflectively, "we received no answer."

Ministers' workload 'too big for anyone'

By Peter Hennessy

The Prime Minister and Cabinet ministers are overburdened by the British system of government and should take more time off, Lord Rothschild, former head of the Central Policy Review Staff, the Think Tank, said last night.

Speaking on BBC Radio 3's *The Politics of Thinking*, Lord Rothschild said the workload of a minister "is too much for any individual to cope with. ... God knows who tells the Prime Minister, 'look, it's time you took a couple of days off'."

Lord Rothschild said if he was still in charge of the Think Tank (it was disbanded last year by Mrs Thatcher) he would suggest to Sir Robert Armstrong, Secretary of the Cabinet, that they jointly construct an early warning system for the ministers. He had tried to build one during Mr Heath's premiership.

"I am quit sure that he [Sir Robert] and I could concoct a method. ... You get a lot of false alarms, you get a lot of weird things. ... I don't think it would be too difficult", he added.

Verdict on Blunt

Lord Rothschild spoke publicly for the first time in the radio interview about the late Anthony Blunt, his former friend and wartime colleague in MI5.

"It was a very serious blow to me when I was told that Blunt was a traitor. I lost confidence in my ability to judge people. ... He must have led a highly compartmentalized life and almost a schizoid existence because I never saw it".

Of Guy Burgess, the diplomat who defected to Moscow in 1951, Lord Rothschild said: "He was a drunk, very dirty in his habits, rather clever, quite amusing and good company; in no circumstances would I have ever given him a job.

Credit card for private medicine

By Our Social Services Correspondent

Britain's largest commercially based private hospital group, American Medical International, which has nine hospitals, to introduce treatment on credit from July.

A credit card will allow patients who are uninsured, or underinsured, to pay in monthly instalments.

The card will cover conventional medicine, surgery and items often excluded from insurance cover, dentistry, cosmetic surgery and childbirth. It is also hoped to stimulate outpatient services, such as health screening and preventative medicine.

The company said that interest charges would be lower than for most credit cards. "The aim is to allow people who are not insured, and who cannot afford or do not want to afford to pay for private treatment all at once, to spread the cost and still have private care."

Potency of rabies jab in doubt

Evidence that the new human-cell-based rabies vaccine may be less potent than thought is to be considered by the Government's expert advisory body, the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunization.

The move came after a study in the United States, reported in *The Lancet*, which suggests that the new vaccine's ability to produce antibodies to rabies may have declined, or be more variable than was thought.

The new vaccine is much less painful and produces fewer side effects than the old animal-cell-based vaccine, which was used only to treat people who had been bitten by an animal that might be rabid. Unlike the old vaccine, it is used to protect people in advance, not just as a treatment after exposure.

Although anyone who is bitten is told to have post-exposure treatment – rabies is almost invariably fatal once symtoms develop – the United States researchers say their findings are extremely worrying.

The study was launched after an American Peace Corps volunteer who had been vaccinated died from rabies after being bitten and failing to seek further treatment.

Daily Mail complaint is upheld

The *Daily Mail* printed an unsubstantiated story that the Labour leader of a north London borough council had encouraged staff to "spend, spend, spend", and gave him no recognizable opportunity to refute the allegations, the Press Council said in an adjudication published today.

The council upheld this complaint by Mr Martin Coleman, then leader of Brent Borough Council, and a further complaint that the newspaper's offer to publish a short letter rather than an editorial retraction was an inadequate remedy.

The story said staff employed by a Labour-controlled council had been told there was virtually a bottomless pit of cash to spend. It said the "socialists of Brent" were planning to spend in the next fortnight nearly £2m because they might lose power after the defection of a Labour councillor. The idea was to sabotage a Conservative proposal to reduce the rates if the party gained power.

Papua bans press from border with Indonesia

From Tony Duboudin
Melbourne

Sensitivity over its relationship with Indonesia has prompted Papua New Guinea to ban journalists from its border with the Indonesian province of Irian Jaya and introduce strict regulations for visiting journalists.

Under the regulations announced by Mr Rabbie Namului, the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, journalists will be required to give a month's notice of their visit and provide details of people they will be interviewing in Papua New Guinea. Mr Namului said the guidelines had been issued after "recent difficulties" in monitoring the activities and movements of foreign journalists in the country.

Port Moresby has been embarrassed by foreign journalists' interviews with leaders of the Free West Papua Army in the border area. The guerrillas are waging a campaign against Indonesian forces in Irian Jaya, and Papua New Guinea is concerned that interviews with rebel leaders have taken place on its side of the border.

The border issue has been a constant source of irritation between the two countries since Papua New Guinea became independent. In March, Port Moresby alleged that two Indonesian aircraft had crossed the border and circled a border post.

Indonesia denied the incident, but relations between the countries sank to a new low.

Papua New Guinea has about 6,000 refugees from the conflict in Irian Jaya. Last week, Mr Michael Somare, the Prime Minister, tried to put the problem into the international arena by giving the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees two weeks to persuade Indonesia to accept UN involvement.

If the UN fails to win Jakarta's approval Papua New Guinea will start sending back the refugees.

Generals will only step down if their terms are met

The military rulers of one of the few repressive regimes surviving in South America are getting ready to hand over to the civilians. But, as **Douglas Tweedale** *reports in the first of two articles, they still want to keep a grip on the levers of power.*

Whether Uruguay's military rulers are to keep their promise to step down from the political stage they have dominated for the past 11 years appears to hinge on how graceful an exit they are able to make from an increasingly hostile situation.

The armed forces – as politically unpopular as any of the few military regimes remaining in South America – are determined not to suffer the same fate as their counterparts in neighbouring Argentina, who were driven out of power in disgrace and left out in the cold (for them) of a nascent democracy.

President Gregoria Alvarex has promised elections for November 25 to return this tiny nation at the mouth of the River Plate to civilian rule – but those elections are dependent on the influence in the ensuing government.

On May 1 while the country's unions staged a massive rally which drew an estimated 250,000 people, allowed to operate legally a proposal for negotiations about certain constitutional reforms the generals would like inplemented before they hand over power.

These include a formal advisory role in government for the National Security Council, institutionalizing the jurisdiction of military courts over civilians and restricting guarantees of personal liberty in cases of subversion. They



would also include the continued political proscription of certain individuals and parties considered too left-wing.

The latest proposal is a more palatable version of similar reforms the military has tried to introduce without success on two other occasions. In 1980, a national plebiscite overwhelmingly rejected a more stringent version of the same reforms. Last June, the three legal parties broke off talks on constitutional reform because of the Government's intransigence on what it called national security issues.

By proposing that the new reforms would be subject to review by a national constitutional convention to be elected in November. The military seems to be trying to tempt civilian leaders back to the negotiating table. "Most of the military really want to get out of government," one Western diplomat said. "This (latest) proposal is a very clever way to do it and get the guarantees they feel they need."

But the generals have at the same time tightened the screws on political expression in a way, opposition leaders say, which belies their stated intention of dialogue. Since mid-April, the Government has closed seven daily and weekly newspapers (four permanently). Taken legal action against several editors, and, two weeks ago, closed one of Montevideo's television stations for broadcasting an interview with an unauthorized left-wing politician.

A military sweep the Government claimed was aimed at "subversives" in a remote countryside village led to the arrest of six people.

Machines of war awake new pride

By Stewart Tendler

Forty years ago this week many English lanes echoed to the whining gears of a Jeep or the rumble and thunder of a Sherman *tank preparing for* the great adventure on the other side of the Channel.

But what was once commonplace has now become worthy *of extensive salvage, as in the* case of the 32-ton tank raised last weekend from the seabed off Torcross Sands where it came to grief practising for the Normandy landings in 1944.

The tank was raised by Mr Kenneth Small, a Devon hotelier, who bought the right to salvage the vehicle from the United States Government for 50 dollars (about £35). Since the purchase 12 years ago Mr *Small has spent £3,000 to get* the tank from the seabed to become a memorial to American Servicemen who died practising for the D-Day landings.

The tank sank to 50 feet below the surface after falling *from a landing craft in a* training exercise in south Devon. It was raised using a diving ship which dragged it ashore.

***It rejoins a* world where the humble Jeep is now worth far more than its value in wartime.**

The wartime Jeep: Two or three are sold each week at between £1,400 and £3,000 each.

Monster from the deep: A 32-ton Sherman tank is winched ashore after 40 years submerged.

Murder accused faces child-stealing charges

A Reading lorry driver was accused of three additional charges, of child stealing, when he appeared before Barking magistrates in Essex on Saturday charged with murdering Marie Payne, aged four.

Colin Evans, aged 44, of Russell Street, Reading, was led into court, handcuffed to two plainclothes detectives.

He was remanded in custody until Friday but agreed that he should appear only on every fourth remand hearing date. His next appearance at the court was set for June 15. Victor Harris, the magistrate made an order banning indentification of the children concerned. Their names have not been disclosed.

The new charges refer to two alleged offences in Ilford, Essex, on May 6, and one in John Fisher Street, east London on the same date. In the first two Evans was charged that he unlawfully intended to deprive the father of possession of a child aged under 14, and the third charge that he intended to deprive the mother of possession of the child.

Parliament this week

Commons. Today (2.30): Debate on private member's motion on the EEC. Ordnance Factories and Military Services Bill, third reading.
Tomorrow (2.30): Local Government (Interim Provisions) Bill, completion of committee stage.
Wednesday (2.30): Debate on Opposition motion on the deployment of cruise missiles. Greater London Council (Money) (No 2) Bill, second reading.
Thursday 30): Local Government (Interim *Provisions) Bill, completation of remaining* stages.
Friday (9.30): Spring adjournment debates.

Select committees: Today: Home affairs subcommittee on race relations and immigration. Subject: Chinese Community. *Witnesses:* Department of Health and Social Security; Department of Education and Science (4 15).
Environment: Subject: Acid rain. Witness: CEGB (43.0).

Treasury and Civil Service: Subject: Head of the Government Accountancy Service. Witness: Minister (to be announced) (4.30).
Public Accounts: Subject: Building maintenance expenditure. *Witness:* Property Services Agency (4.45).

Tomorrow: Education, Science and Arts. Subject: Prison education. Witnesses: Prison Department *officials* (10).
Defence. Subject: Statement on the Defence Estimates. Witness: Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence (4.45).

Wednesday: Welsh Affairs. Subject: The EEC and dairy farming in Wales. Witnesses: National Farmers' Union (10); Farmers' *Union of Wales* (10.45); Milk Marketing Board (11.30); Mr Nicholas Edwards, Secretary of State for Wales (12.00).

Agriculture. Subject: The effect of *feedstuff prices* on the *pig* and poultry industries. Witness: National Farmers' Union (10.45).
Defence. Subject: Statements on the Defence Estimates. Witness: Ministry of *Defence officials* (10.45).

Trade and Industry Subject: British Leyland. Witnesses: British Leyland representatives (11.30)
Social Services. Subject: *Community* care, with special reference to the adult mentally ill and mentally handicapped. Witnesses: National Schizophrenia Fellowship; Richmond Fellowship; Mental Health Foundation (4.15).

Treasury and Civil Service Subcommittee. Subject: Acceptance of outside appointments by Crown servants. Witnesses: Captain Michael Tudor-Craig (4.16); Wing-Commander John Waterton (4.35); Major-General H. A. J. Sturge (5); Air Commodore R. J. Spiers (5.20).

Employment. Subject: Work of the Department of Employment Group. Witness: Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Employment (4.30).
Environment. Subject: Acid rain. Witness: Friends of the Earth (4.30).
Defence. Subject: Statement on the Defence Estimates 1984. Witness: Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence (4.45).
Thursday: Energy. Subject: Energy research development and demonstration. Witness: Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Ener[illegible] 4.15).

Progress of legislation

Commons. May 14: Amusement Machines Bill, Dentists Bill, Swavesey Bye-Ways Bill and Norwich City Council Bill all read a first time. Police and Criminal evidence Bill considered on report and adjourned. May 15: Metals Society Bill read the third time. Wildlife and Countryside (Amendment) Bill read a first time. Police and Criminal Evidence Bill completed the report stage. May 16. Local Authorities (Prevention of Expenditure on Party Political Advertising) *Bill read a first time*. Police and Criminal Evidence Bill read the third time by 286 votes to 190. May 17: Ordnance Factories and Military Services Bill completed the report stage. County Courts Bill (Consolidation) read a second time. May 18: Animal Health and Welfare Bill read a second time. Foreign Limitation Periods Bill, Somerset House Bill and Foodyke Bridge Bill all read the third time.
Lords. May 14: Swavesey Bye-ways Bill and Norwich City Council Bill both read the third time and passed. London Regional Transport Bill and Video Recordings Bill both considered in committee and adjourned. May 15: Trade Union Bill read a second time. May 16: Associated British Ports (No 2) Bill and Salby Bridge Bill both read a second time. May 17: London *Regional Transport Bill further considered* in committee and adjourned. Police and Criminal Evidence Bill read a first time. Urban Parishes Bill completed the committee stage. May 18: Video Recording *Bill completed* [illegible] *committee stage.*

Asian immigrant flow worries Australians

From Our Correspondent
Meboume

The issue of Asian immigration to Australia has surfaced again with the publication on Saturday of an opinion poll which showed that 62 per cent of Australians disapprove of the increasing proportion of immigrants coming from Asia compared with Britain and Europe.

The poll was published in the Melbourne *Herald* and was based on a sample of 2,053 people throughout the country.

While 62 per cent disapprove of the present immigration mix, only 30 per cent approve while 8 per cent are unsure. Sixty-four per cent believe that the total number of immigrants this year, about 90,000, is too great, and 4 per cent say it is too small,

Mr Andrew Peacock, the Leader of the Opposition, described the poll as a warning to the Government to heed public opinion.

European Notebook

End-of-term report on Strasbourg

It is end-of-term report time for the first directly elected European Parliament, which starts its last session in Strasbourg today. As most of the 434 representatives of the EEC's 191,313,000 electors gather in their permanently temporary home by the banks of the River Ill, they will be trying to give final proof that they have given good value for the £600m or so they have cost Community taxpayers over the past five years.

The session itself is something of a microcosm of Parliament's work and play over the period. It will be rushing through more than 50 reports ranging from human rights, the Moonies and fishing of Greenland to protection of pregnant mothers, trading with Taiwan video nasties and the firewood crisis in the Sahara Desert.

There will also be time to hear President Mitterrand make the first-ever address by the French head of state to the Parliament, one of a series of world leaders from President Sadat to Queen Beatrix to have chosen to speak to the Assembly.

By the time they reconvene at the end of July, there are certain to be many gaps in the ranks, filled for the most part by bright-eyed hopefuls seeking to mobilize the Community into a force in the world. They will find support but a good deal of cynicism among the survivors. Because the past five years have not been obviously glorious ones for the Parliament.

At the start of the year the Parliament drew up its own report on its impact on Community policies. It runs to 65 pages and for an excercise in slapping itself on the back it is certainly a nice try.

But Parliament has to admit in most cases that its impact is difficult to evaluate. The report concludes correctly that it has been able to influence the Commission – which it has the power to dismiss – but that it has only limited impact on the Council of Ministers, which alone has a decision-making role.

The net result of this is that in its five-year term the first directly elected Parliament has failed to prove its EEC relevance to the public at large. When the electors go to the polls in June they will overwhelmingly be going to support or reject the leaders of the political parties in their own countries. For the most part, European issues will have little bearing on voting intentions – other than in Britain perhaps because of the budget issue.

At the same time the Parliament has clung on and, behind the scenes, begun to infiltrate the European power structure. For all its bad reputation, it has been a proof to the world that the EEC wants to be democratic. And a comparison of what Parliament can do now as opposed to five years ago, shows it has made much progress.

Ian Murray

Sahabza Yaqub: Progress in discussions

Kabul drags its heels on peace terms

From Our Own Correspondent
Islamabad

The UN peace mission for Afghanistan seems to have become bogged down yet again over the reluctance of the Kabul regime to come to terms.

Señor Diego Cordóvez, the Secretary General's special representative, visited the capitals of Tehran, Islamabad and Kabul, as part of a shuttle mission to try to get the so-called "proximity talks" in Geneva restarted.

Under the Geneva formula neither the Pakistanis nor the Afghans meet, but conduct negotiations in separate rooms. There have been three sessions so far, but the final one broke down over the failure of the Soviet-backed regime in Kabul to agree to any kind of a phased timetable for withdrawal of forces.

Sahabza Yaqub Khan, the Foreign Minister of Pakistan, said sufficient progress was made on Pakistan's part for the Geneva process to be resumed

Kabul said it would answer in three days but no reply has been received in several weeks.

Fighting shifts to shipping lanes

Iraq attacks vessels in attempt to embroil West in the Gulf war

From Zoriana Pysariwsky, New York

Diplomatic observers at the United Nations of the Gulf war are convinced that the Iraqi attacks on vessels passing through the Gulf are the latest in a series of moves designed to provoke a Western military intervention in the 15-month-old conflict.

The Iraqi sinking of oil tankers and a merchant ship follows a pattern which began with the intensified bombing of Iranian civilian targets in February and the indiscriminate use of chemical weapons which, may military analysts feel, was done with little strategic forethought.

While Baghdad has clearly intended to intimidate Iran, it is also believed to have resorted to these tactics in order to focus world attention on a war that, except for bursts and spurts, has *been largely ignored internationally*. Baghdad now intends to translate this concern into direct action.

Behind this two-fold strategy is the realization that Iraq cannot force Iran to end the fighting alone. At best, the war of attrition could continue indefinitely with mounting political costs to the regime of President Saddam Husain, and, worst, Iran's heralded "final ground offensive" could succeed when put into motion.

Although the Soviet Union, among others, has been pouring in supplies for the Iraqi war effort, there are many countries in and outside the region which feel that an overwhelming Iraqi success would go against their interests.

Officials involved in trying to mediate in the Gulf war speak of fears voiced even by pro-Iraqi states of either side becoming the strongman of the region, and Iraqi's recognition that outside aid as a last resort could be too little and too late.

With its attack on vessels sailing to or from Kharg Island, the main Iranian oil terminal, Iraq appears to be attempting to provide Iran into closing the Straits of Hormuz, or making it *difficult for ships to pass* without any formal closure

So far Iran has not fallen for the bait. In letters to the United Nations, it has accused Iraq of attempting to internationlize the Gulf was, and its careful denials of allegations that it hit two tankers last week are seen here as an attempt to avoid being trapped by the Iraq scenario.

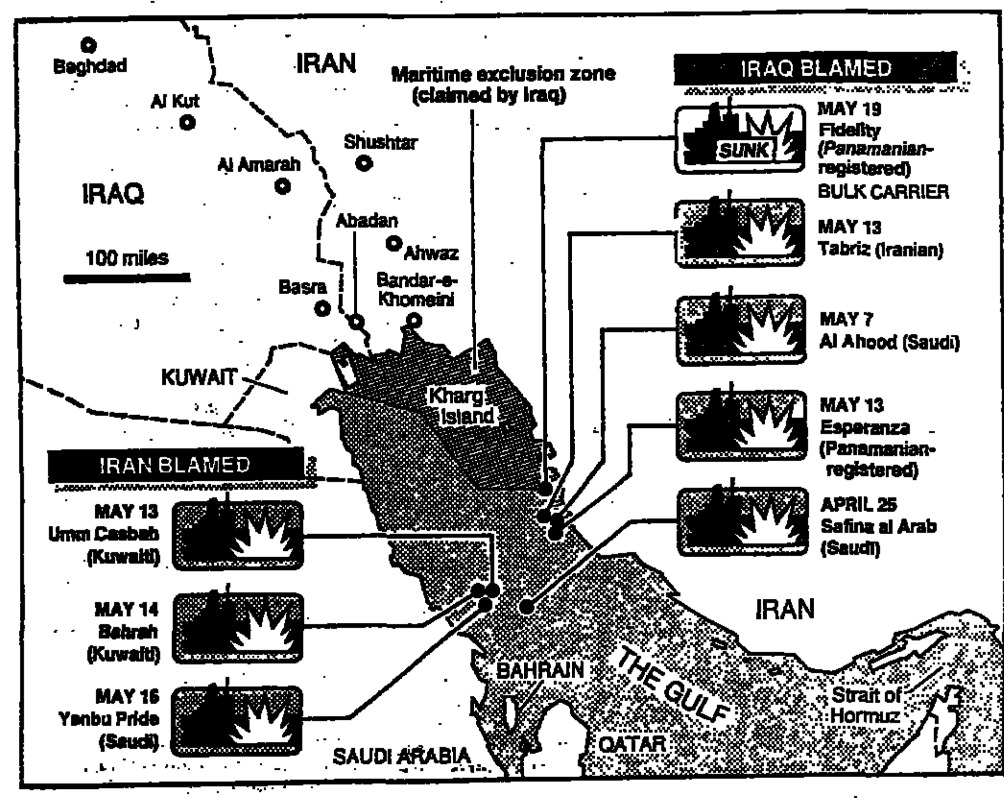
The response to Iraq's use of chemical weapons was universal condemnation but the attacks on vessels *raised* the possibility of drawing the United States and Western allies into the conflict. Given the unpredictable nature of the war, it is believed that even Western air support or escort for vessels could anger Iran into retaliation and embroil the West.

Officials from the Gulf countries who met in emergency session last week to study the options of maintianig free navigation in the Gulf say that awareness of Iraq's strategy is partially responsible for their reticence to seek third-party intervention.

In making arrangements to take the matter to the United *Nations' Security Council, they* hope to persuade Iraq to end the attacks, although they officially blame Iran for the crisis.

At the same time, should the situation become so desperate as to warrant Western intervention, the Security Council could provide a good moral cover, even though Soviet acquiescence in a direct Western role is difficult to imagine.

Tankers hit in the Gulf



Iran turns on its enemy's paymasters in tit-for-tat

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

Last week's spate of Iranian and Iraqi attacks on shipping in the Gulf constitutes a marked shift of emphasis away from the land warfare between the two nations, which only two months ago was absorbing attention.

The increased anxiety about the security of oil supplies through the Gulf has arisen as a result of an apparent change of tactics by the Iraqis.

They have for many months been attacking shipping in the maritime exclusion zone which they had declared around the Iranian terminal of Kharg Island. These attacks had only limited success and made little impression on world opinion. Now, however, they have attacked three tankers outside the exlusion zone and close to the Iranian coast.

Theese attacks have been more effective, possibly because they were carried out well clear of defences at Kharg Island, and perhaps also because the Iraqis may have learnt to make more effective use of their Exocet missiles.

The obvious explanation for the Iranian attacks on Saudi and Kuwaiti tankers is that they could not let the latest Iraqi air attacks go unanswered and they felt they could achieve the maximum effect by striking at shipping belonging to Iraq's paymasters. With probably fewer than 30 serviceable F4 Phantom aircraft, using outdated weapons, the Iranians are not seen as having the capacity to wage a prolonged air campaign.

In any case, even with the short reaction times available for countering attacks across the Gulf, the Saudis with their effective Amercian-supplied F15 Eagle interceptors, and four American-operated Awac's aircraft to provide early warning, ought to be able to prevent their shipping being shot up.

The balance of air power against the Iranians would, of course, become much more severe should the Saudis or other countries in the area seek American combat air support, and agree to provide the bases for them.

This, however, does not appear immediately in prospect, and the hope is that last week's incidents may prove to have been no more than a flurry of activity, and that diplomatic pressure may cause it to subside.

One of the mysteries of this 44-month conflict is that there is at present relatively little activity on land. In February and early March, Iranian attacks on Iraqi positions in the southern sector of the front, around Al Amarah and Basra, were putting the Iraqi defences under severe pressure.

Although Iranian gains were small, the Iraqi forces were seen to be off-balance, and a much larger Iranian assault was expected.

Iran had, and still has, at least 250,000 men assem*bled* to the east, ready to attack. For no clear reason, that assault failed to materialize, and the Iranians may now have missed their best chance of achieving a breakthrough.

West German strikes enter bitter phase

From Michael Binyon, Bonn

With the stepping up of strikes in the engineering industry and the first lockouts by employers, West Germany's industrial disputes enter a new and bitter phase this week.

Some 33,000 metalworkers in the state of Hesse are joining the strike today as car production all over the country comes to a standstill. Tomorrow the engineering employers will respond by locking the factory gates to 65,000 workers in the Stuttgart area who are not on strike but who are members of IG Metall, the huge metal and engineering union which is leading the toughly-fought campaign for a 35-hour week.

The two sides are expected to have another round of talks in the next few days after the union accepted an offer by the employers to sit down again at the negotiation table.

Meanwhile, other unions have threatened to join in the strike wave out of sympathy for the metalworkers and in response to the call by the German trade unions federation

The militant printers' union, IG Druck, went on strike again at newspaper printing plants over the weekend, leaving much of Germany without the usual bumper Saturday editions and preventing the Axel Springer press from publishing newspapers on Sunday, except in very limited edition.

Other unions which have declared *themselves ready to* take action are the bank employees, the railway workers and those representing workers in the chemical, ceramics and food industries.

The decision by the employers to enforce lockouts has undoubtedly worsened the atmosphere, as has the announcement by the Federal Labour Bureau that work ers laid off as a result of the strike, though not themselves on strike, will not be entitled to unemployment benefit.

The employers said their measures, intended to put financial pressure on IG Metall, are essential; otherwise the union would have enough funds to cripple the car industry through selective strikes at key component factories for up to two years.

IG Metall has a strike fund of DM 425m, and last week had to pay only about DM 4m to 13,000 workers it originally called out on strike in components factories in the Stuttgart area.

Doctors in Finland end stoppage

From Olli Kivinen
Helsinki

Finland's doctors ended their seven-week strike yesterday after their union had accepted the second and slightly improved compromise offer from the state mediator, Mr Teuvo Kallio.

The doctors caused an uproar last week by rejecting Mr Kallio's first proposal. They were seeking a pay rise well above the two-year general wages agreement accepted by almost all the main unions. But the doctors were able to negotiate increases of up to £350 a month for the next two and a half years.

Public sector medical care was affected by the strike, but the situation did not become desperate because doctors continued working in private practice. Urgent work was also *done* in hospitals, although the strike did delay treatment of serious illnesses.

The settlement coincided with the end of a series of strikes by white collar groups affilitated to Akava, which fights to get its educated members higher pay than the manual unions.

Botha keen to buy British planes

By Henry Stanhope
Diplomatic Correspondent

Mr P. W. Botha, the south African Prime Minister, is expected to press for the sale of eight British Aerospace maritime surveillance aircraft to his Government when he lunches with Mrs Margatet Thatcher in two weeks' time.

But his plan, which was leaked at the week-end would add to the already considerable controversy over his visit, the first by a South African Prime Minister for more than 20 years.

The aircraft involved is said to be the 748 twin-engined turbo-prop, which came into service 21 years ago and has been bought by both British Airways and the RAF.

the RAF version is best known as the Andover, three of which form part of the Queen's Flight used by the Royal Family and senior ministers.

The South Africans want to buy them, together with sophisticated electronic surveillance equipment, in a package which would be worth more than £50m to Britain.

Pretoria hopes that by buying equipment for its coastguard service it might circumvent the United Nations arms embargo of seven years ago – and satisfy the Whitehall criterion that no British exports to Pretoria should be of a kind which might be used for counter-insurgency operations.

British Aerospace sources said that with several hundred 748s in service throughout the world, the South Africans could easily buy some second-hand and refurbish them in their Atlas Corporation factories.

But a counterblast from the Third World could mean that Britain, and British Aerospace in particular could loose more than they would gain by such a controversial deal.

South Africa has already tried unsuccessfully to buy the much bigger and more sophisticated Nimrod maritime surveillance plane from Britain.

Excitement at Isabel's return

From Douglas Tweedale
Buenos Aires

The political passions aroused by the name Perón in Argentina flickered briefly again yesterday as ex-President Maria Estela Martinez (Isabel) returned from her Madrid home on the eve on key political negotiations with President Raul Alfonsin.

Dozens of Peronist dignitaries and hundreds of rowdy supporters turned out at Buenos Aires airport to greet the inscrutable Señora Perón, who has kept her political intentions a closely guarded secret.

Other groups of supporters cheered her along the 30 minute drive into the city centre and mounted a colourful vigil, waving banners, banging bass drums and scuffling with police outside the hotel where she is staying.

Señora Perón is to represent the party which bears her late husband Juan Perón's name at the first of a round of talks which President Alfonsin has called with opposition parties this evening.

The purpose of the talks, according to Government officials, is to reach a minimum national consensus on a strategy to solve the country's principal economic and political problems–

In a speech on Thursday night, Señor Antonio Tróccole, the Interior Minister top item on the Administra, agenda would be to seek agreement on renegotiation of the country's $43.6 billion £31 billion) foreign debt, which he called "a problem ...... which we must remove from the cold and speculative environment of the bankers and give a response as a nation."

Señor Tróccoli said the meeting with Señora Perón's party would also touch on the issue of inflation which is running at over 500 per cent



Back home: Señora Perón walks through customs at Buenos Aires airport

Jackson turns Virginia defeat into victory

From Christopher Thomas
Washington

Mr Walter Mondale narrowly defeated the Rev Jesse Jackson in a state convention at the weekend to select Virginia's 78 delegates to the Democratic national convention in July. Senator Gary Hart was soundly beaten.

Mr Mondale captured 27, Mr Jackson 22 and Mr Hart 23. There were 16 uncommitted delegates. The result was a triumph for Mr Jackson, whose presence in the race helps to explain the exceptional activism by black voters.

Salvadorean Government blamed for killings

By Our Foreign Staff

The Government of El Salvador has been accused by Amnesty International of murdering many of the estimated 40,000 people killed in political violence there in the past five years.

A 48-page report entitled *Extrajudicial Executions in El Salvador* by the international human rights movement's mission, which last July carried out an on-the-spot investigation of the killings, is published today. The mission found that government forces openly dumped mutilated corpses in heavily patrolled areas near police or military establishments in an apparent attempt to terrorize the population.

One factor that suggested it was the authorities themselves who were responsible for the slaughter was their "blatant failure" to investigate, and to bring those responsible to justice.

Members of human rights monitoring groups that had tried to collect data were themselves "victims of such abuses as disappearances and killings."

Amnesty International, British Section, 5 Roberts Place, Bowling Green Lane, London EC1R 0EJ. £2.00 plus 50p postage.

Canada jails terrorist for 20 years

Ottawa – Juliet Belmas, a 21-year-old British Columbian, has been jailed for 20 years for a series of urban terrorist attacks, including the dynamiting of a Toronto factory, which manufactured guidance systems for cruise missiles. Ten people were injured in the Toronto blast in October, 1982 (John Best writes).

Gerald Hannah, aged 27 and the lover of Belmas, was jailed for 10 years for terrorist acts. Both defendants changed their pleas to guilty halfway through the trial, which lasted 106 days.

Reagan surgery

Washington (Reuter) – Doctors have removed a non-cancerous polyp from President Reagan's colon. After a three-hour medical check at a Maryland naval hospital, he was described by doctors as being "in very exceptional physical condition".

Refugees ousted

Stockholm (AP) – Thirty-four *Lebanese refugees, including* seven women and 15 children, have been expelled from Sweden. The refugees, who were put on a chartered jet and flown to Damascus, had arrived earlier in the month from East Germany.

Ben Bella pledge

Geneva (AP) – Mr Ahmed Ben Bella Algeria's first President after independence, announced in *La Suisse*, that he intends to make a political comeback two decades after being overthrown in a coup d'état.

1800 debt paid

Bourg St. Pierre (AP) – France has settled a 184-year-old debt, a bill for 45,333 Swiss francs (about £14,000), for damages caused by Napoleon's troops when they moved through this Swiss town in 1800 on their way to Italy.

Rioting over delayed poll results leaves four more dead in Philippines

From David Watts, Manila

Opposition frustration over delays in the declaration of results and fears of tampering have brought four more deaths in the Philippines elections.

For the past few days unofficial results showing opposition victories have been sharply at odds with official results in the eastern Philippines city of Cebu, a traditional centre of opposition to the Government in Manila. Rumours of rigged balloting have been rife.

Into that explosive atmosphere at the weekend flew one of the leading figures in the opposition, Mr Salvador Laurel. He urged a group of protest marchers to defend their ballots with their lives. They did just that and marched to the city hall where the court was under way, and stoned the building.

Government forces first sprayed water on the youthful protesters but when that ran out they opened fire, and a protest turned into a riot with at least one young policeman dead. Three students were killed and about 17 injured. Mr. Laurel, meanwhile, had flown back to Manila.

The outburst caused President Marcos to respond in a national television broadcast at lunchtime yesterday with an appeal to the opposition to calm down.

"Let us see whether it is not this administration that has been terrorized", he said at the beginning of a speech, originally intended to deal with economic problems, which made clear that he is far from reconciled to the gains the opposition has made.

By last night, the official commission on elections calculated that the ruling New Society Movement had won 63 seats, while the figure for the combined opposition and independents was 41, with about 80 seats still undeclared. The unofficial count had the ruling party with 72 seats and the combined opposition and independents with 44.

President Marcos, saying that he had never cheated in an election in his life, appealed to the opposition: "Look, you've got enough. Let's settle down." But things are unlikely to settle down for some considerable time, as the election commission has to deal with 700 complaints and demands from the opposition for the election to be declared void in 16 provinces and three Manila constituencies.

The President said the opposition's success had been largely due to what he called the black media, especially in the cities. "We have to accept the fact that the black press seems to have overwhelmed the legitmate press in the Philippines", he said.

Nor is the President convinced that the election results showed dissatisfaction with Government policies. "I do not believe any of the basic policies of the Government are rejected by the people, but we are doing a survey at the moment to find exactly why they voted the way they did in Manila, or if they really did vote that way. Black propaganda and the black press overcame us in the cities.

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Election violence: Police wielding batons attack demonstrators outside the city hall in Cebu yesterday

Bombay riot toll nears 80

From Kuldip Nayar, Delhi

Hindu-Muslim riots in Bombay and the nearby town of Bhiwandi continued for the third consecutive day yesterday, with the death toll approaching 80. Some 200 people have been injured and 6,000 refugees have been put up in relief camps.

Yesterday, when Mr P. C. Sethi, the Home Minister, flew to Bombay to assess the situation, the sectarian fury had subsided in Bhiwandi but the rioting had spread to more districts of Bombay despite a curfew and the presence of the Army.

In the meantime some harrowing atrocities have come to light. In one incident in Bhiwandi, 20 Muslims were reported to have been burnt alive by a Hindu mob. In another incident a Hindu industrialist who gave shelter to some Muslims at his house was saved by the police when an angry Hindu mob destroyed part of the house. According to Press Trust of India, even children were not spared by the rioters.

"The poor have suffered the most," Mr Vasantdada Patil, the Chief Minister of Maharashtra, said. Hundreds of huts have been burnt and the displaced poor were forced to seek shelter in Government offices, bus stops and schools.

It is believed several apparent provocations started the rioting. Bhiwandi is always tense and it also experienced a Hindu-Muslim riot in 1970 which claimed 500 lives.

● **Rioters shot:** Police opened fire on rioting mobs in Bombay yesterday killing at least five people (AP reports).

Mr Indria Gandhi, the Prime Minister, is to tour Bhiwandi today, it was announced yesterday.

Nigerian trial continues despite lawyers' boycott

From Eddie Iroh, Lagos

The initial phase of the secret trial of Nigerian political detainees has ended its first week in spite of a continuing boycott by lawyers of the Nigerian Bar Association.

After five days of uncertainty as to whether the association's non-binding boycott order had been heeded, a Senior Advocate of Nigeria (the equivalent of a Queen's Counsel), Chief Godwin Ajayi, confirmed to a newspaper in Lagos: "No civilian lawyer has so far appeared before the Lagos zone of the Special military tribunal".

The tribunal, headed by Brigadier Paul Omu, who is also a member of the ruling Supreme Military Council, began sitting in camera last Monday amid tight security and protests by lawyers

Chief Ajayi will know tomorrow whether a Lagos high court has jurisdiction to hear a suit in which he is seeking to prevent the appearance of three former state governors before the military tribunal because of "adverse pretrial publicity".

Dutch cruise dilemma

Lubbers offers an alternative solution

From Robert Schuil, Amsterdam

After intense pressure from its Nato allies over the past week, The Netherlands demonstrated again this weekend the divisive nature of the cruise missile issue.

For the first time, Mr Ruud Lubbers the Christian Democrat Prime Minister, spoke out in public in favour of the so-called crisis alternative. This would mean that Woenstdrecht air force base in the south of the country would be brought in to readiness to accommodate the 48 cruise missiles scheduled for deployment, but the missiles themselves would only be flown in if a crisis occurred in East-West relations.

Mr Bert de Bries, the parliamentary leader of the Christian Democrats, the senior partner in the centre-right coalition with the conservative Liberals, has said that this alternative is as far as his group is prepared to go in accepting the missiles. The Liberals have given a warning that even this is unacceptable and would lead to political crisis.

Illustrating the deep divisions in the Christian Democratic Party, Mr Hans van den Brok, the Foreign Minister, said in a a radio interview on Saturday that the crisis alternative was out of the question because it had been clearly rejected by the Nato allies.

Nevertheless, most observers seem to agree that something resembling this alternative will be The Netherlands' compromise on the deployment issue. While approving in December 1979 Nato's dual track decision for the modernization of itermediate nuclear forces in Europe in response to the Soviet build-up, The Netherlands expressed a reservation as to deployment on Dutch soil, saying that a final decision would be taken in the light of progress made at the Geneva talks between the United States and Soviet Union.

Those in the country in favour of deployment argue that such a decision is justified because of the Soviet withdrawal from the Geneva talks. The opposition, however, says that nothing should be done to jeopardize the possible resumption and success of the talks.

The Cabinet must find a formula to satisfy both groups. Opinion polls indicate that if elections were held now, the Christian Democrats could lose as many as 10 of their 45 seats in the 150-seat Lower House, which would benefit the labour opposition, already the largest political party, with 47 seats. This is hardly tempting for the coalition as it would mean the end of its six-seat majority.

Nor would it please the Nato Secretary-General, as it would entail a return to power of the Socialists who are adamantly against deployment.

SPD keeps faith with commitment to Nato

From Michael Binyon
Bonn

West Germany's Social Democrats put a clear halt to any incipient neutralist tendencies in the party by pointedly reaffirming their commitment to Nato and at their congress in Essen roundly criticizing new Soviet deployment of SS 22 missiles in East Germany.

While maintaining their opposition to Western missiles, speakers during the key defence debate described as politically unreal Soviet demands for their withdrawal as a precondition to further arms talks.

Herr Egon Bahr, the party's disarmament expert, said the situation since the Pershing 2 missiles arrived in Germany last year was worse then even the opponents had feared. But the party now had to look forward and press for deployment to stop, or at least slow down, and for the West to consider the latest Warsaw Pact proposals.

Herr Bahr called for a strengthening of conventional forces to reduce reliance on nuclear weapons. He said Nato needed a new grand strategy, based not on weakening the other side but on offering equal security to both East and West in a global context.

A left-wing motion that implicitly criticized Germany's continued membership of Nato was soundly defeated, and the leadership had no difficulty in winning support for a compromise motion calling for a security policy based on gradual renunciation of nuclear deterrence in favour of a conventional defensive strategy.

The Essen congress was the SPD's first full look at itself and its policies as an opposition party since it was first brought into government in 1966. Despite some obvious papering over the cracks in defence policy, the leadership appears to have won broad agreement from the 400 delegates for policies of the moderate left.

Stability and continuity of the generally moderate line hammered out at the decisive Bad Godesberg congress almost 25 years ago were symbolized by the reelection of Herr Willy Brandt as party chairman. His 20 years in office already make him one of the SPD's longest-serving leaders.

The former Chancellor, Herr Helmut Schmidt, has now left the leadership of the party the long overshadowed, his place as deputy chairman being taken by Herr Hans-Jochan Vogel, the parliamentary leader.

The party appeared to have pulled itself together after the shock of defeat. For the moment its main task is exploiting the Government's difficulties on the industrial front and over the tax evaders' amnesty. The SPD is hoping to dent the Government's confidence at the European elections next month.

● **BARCELONA:** More than 20,000 Spaniards formed a 12-mile hand chain through the streets of Barcelona yesterday demanding Spain's withdrawal from Nato.

Athens row over story about Arab

From Mario Modiano
Athens

Persistent press reports that an Arab is being questioned by the Greek police in connexion with recent terrorist attacks in Athens were denied yesterday by Mr Manolis Bosinakis, the Athens police chief.

The Athens Sunday newspaper *Eleftherotypia* claimed in a front-page report that a Greek police officer had tracked down in Rome an Iraqi-born Jordanian who fled from Athens last month after shooting a US Air Force sergeant on the highway to Athens airport.

The man was said to be linked also to the killing of Captain George Tsantes, a US Navy officer, last November, while efforts were in progress to establish if he was also responsible for the murder of Kenneth Whitty, the British Council's deputy representative, in Athens in March.

Eleftherotypia said that the expulsion by Greece of the CIA's deputy station chief in Athens last month had followed pressures exerted by the CIA and Israel's secret service that the prisoner should be surrendered to them.

Lindbergh flies Atlantic again

A bust of Charles Lindbergh, who made the first solo Atlantic flight, which was taken from the American city of St Louis to France at the weekend. The work of the St Louis sculptor Don Wiegand, it will be exhibited in the Musée de l'Air et de l'Espace at Le Bourget, where Lindbergh landed 57 years ago in his aircraft, the Spirit of St Louis

Craxi goes for votes of confidence

From John Earle
Rome

Signor Bettino Craxi's Government for the second time in 48 hours has tabled a vote of confidence in the Chamber of Deputies to save its decree curbing wage indexation. The first vote, which reaffirmed the coalition parties' support for the decree, was approved on Friday night by 341 votes to 195.

The second vote will override 73 Opposition motions relating to the decree which, if debated, would have delayed its approved in the Chamber and made problematical its passage through the Senate by June 16, 60 days after its issue.

An earlier decree on the same subject lapsed in April because, despite a successful vote of confidence, it failed to get both Houses' approval within that period.

The political atmosphere has deteriorated because Signor Craxi's tactics have aroused not only all-out opposition from the Communists but also doubts among his coalition allies.

UN tries again for Solidarity 11

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

A senior United Nations envoy is expected in Poland this week to make a fresh attempt to negotiate the release of top Solidarity leaders and advisers from jail.

Informed sources said yesterday that the envoy, Señor Emilio de Olivares, a special assistant to the UN Secretary-General, would arrive in Warsaw on Wednesday and stay in a government guest house for several days.

When Señor de Olivares was last in Poland, during the first week of this month, he saw many of the 11 Solidarity leaders and proposed that they accept a government offer to leave the country for between six months and a year. The UN would take over the costs of the trip, which would include the dissidents' families, and, more important, guarantee that they would be able to return to Poland.

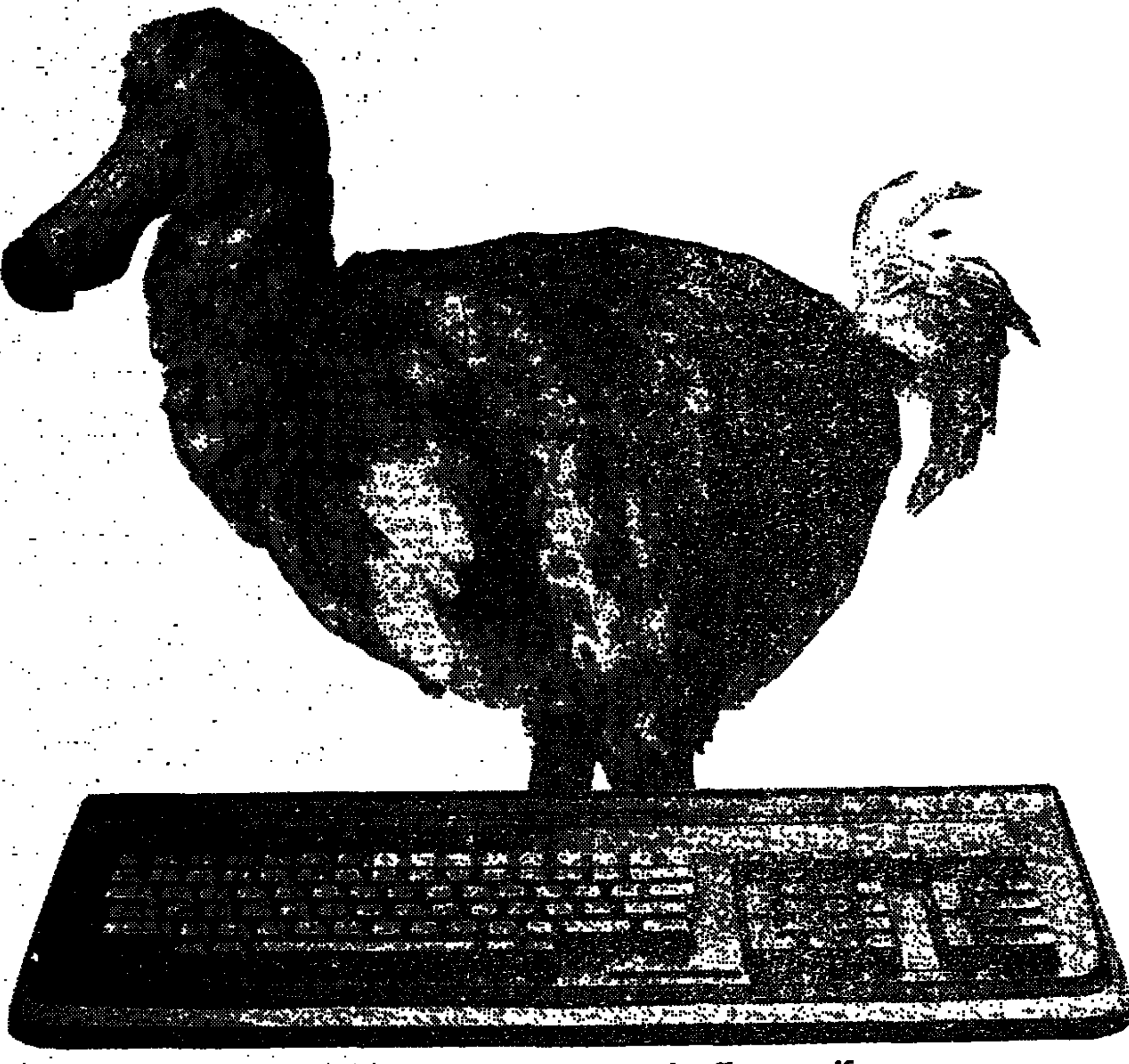
The prisoners, suspecting that they would be stripped of their citizenship while abraod and worried about the effect of their departure on the Solidarity underground, turned down the offer.

It is not clear yet whether Señor de Olivares will again hold direct talks with the Solidarity prisoners, who include Mr Jacek Kuron and Mr Adam Michnik. Some diplomats here believe that there have been contacts between the UN and the Vatican on the issue of the prisoners and that this has helped to give new impetus to the talks.

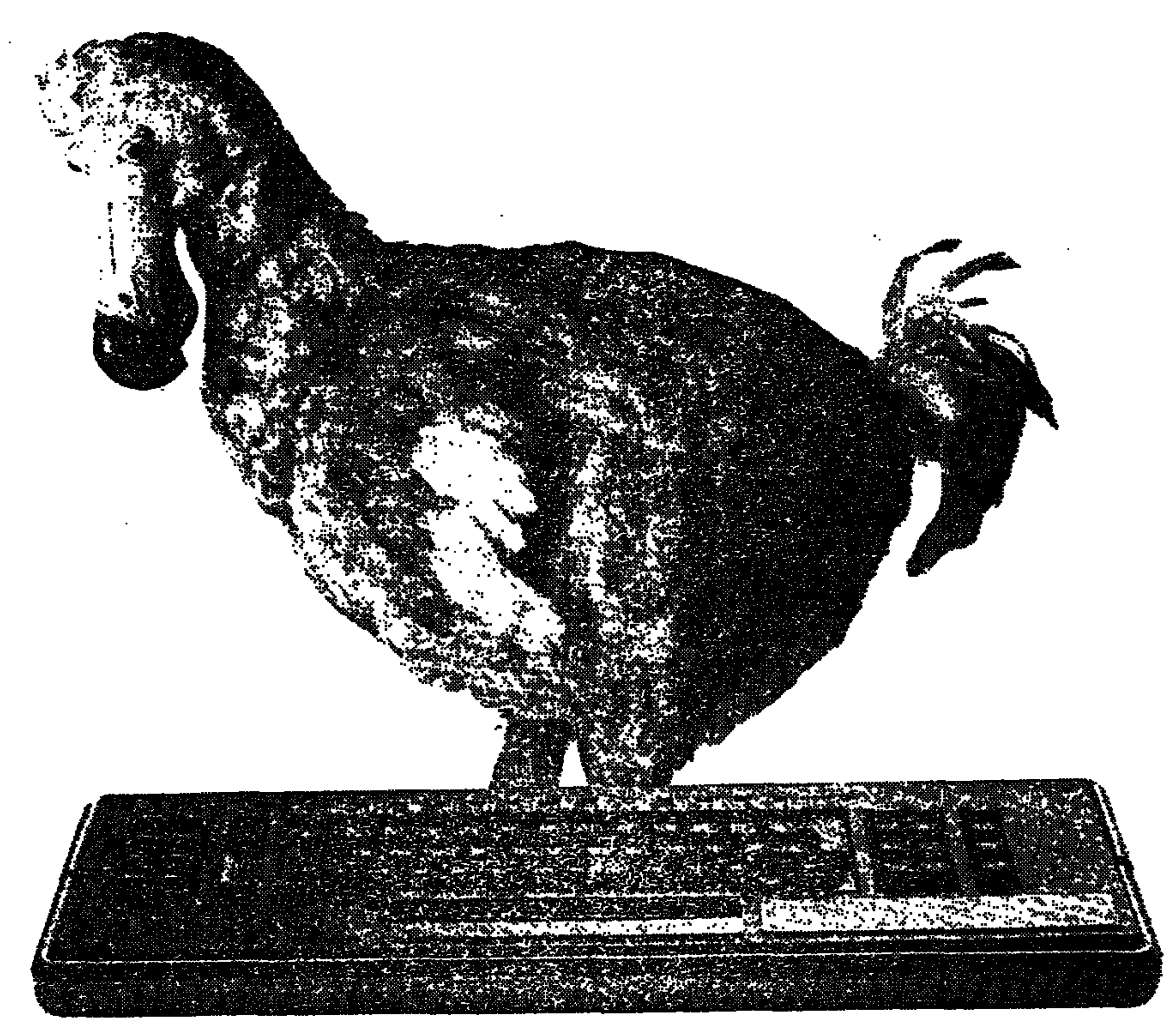
Archbishop Bronislaw Dabrowski, the secretary of the Polish episicopate and chief negotiator on behalf of the Catholic Church heirarchy, travelled to Rome last week to report to the Vatican and was joined by Cardinal Jozef Glemp, the Polish Primate.

The Government seems anxious to avoid a show trial of the Solidarity 11 and appears to be ready to accept most solutions to the problem, provided that it can get guarantees that the Solidarity leaders will not become politically active as soon as they leave the prison gates.

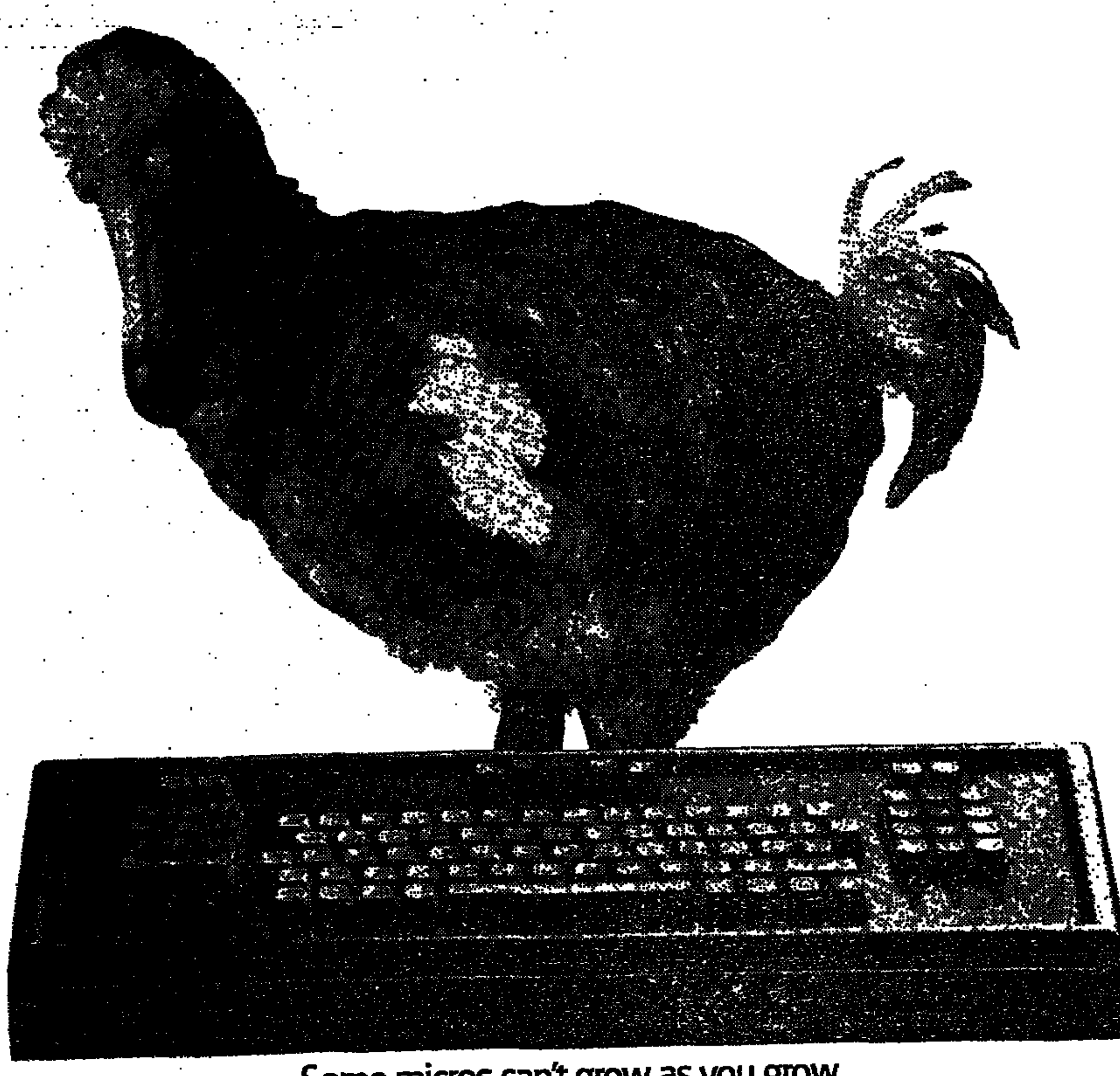
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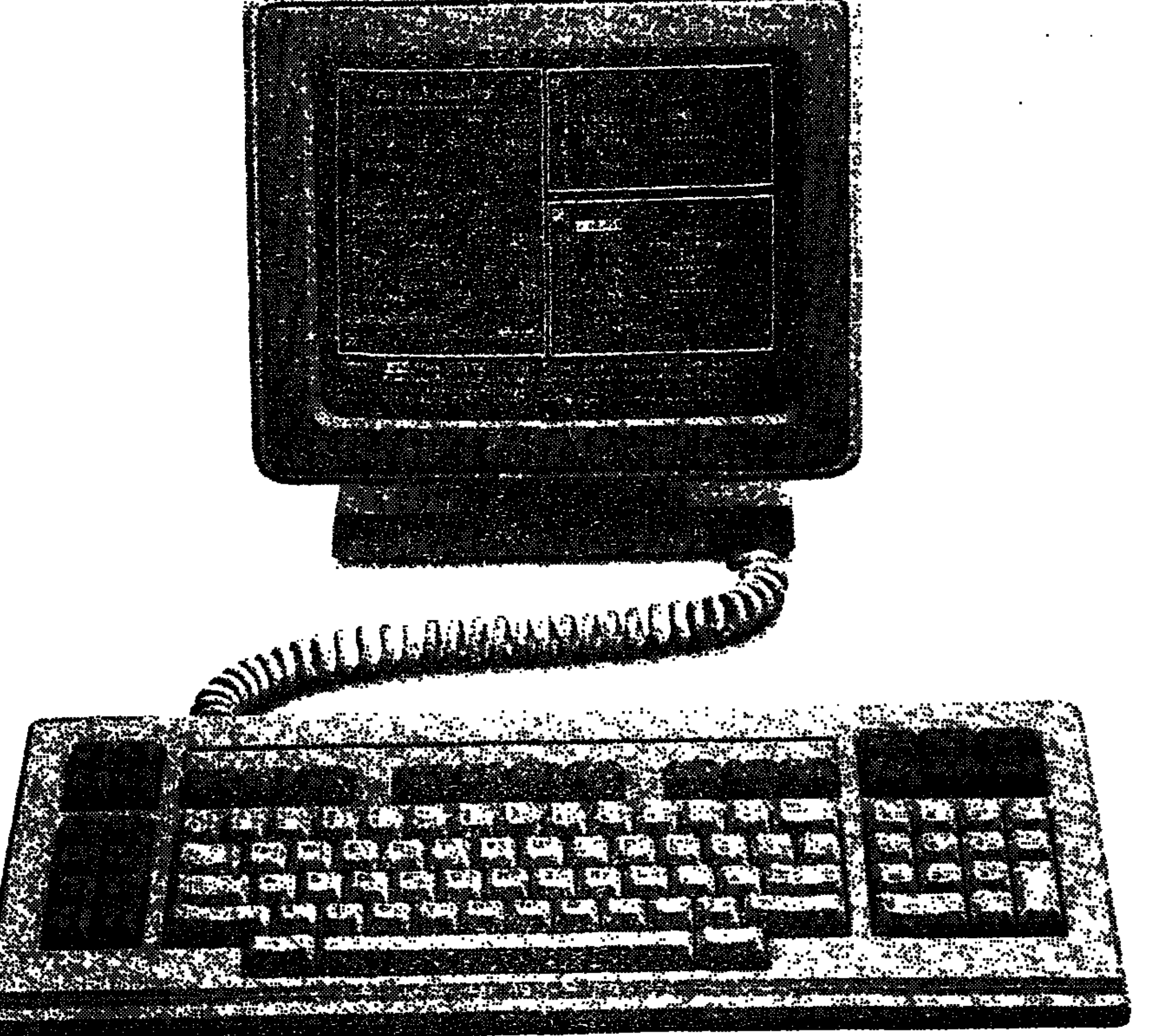
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The Solidarity 11, awaiting trial in Rakowiecka jail have been branded dangerous revolutionaries. The reality is different. Poland wants them free but they sit tight dictating terms

The 11 who would be really free

Since Good Friday something odd has been happening in Rakowiecka Street. At any time it is an odd sort of street. At one end – the law and order end – it is dominated by a huge bureaucratic silo, the Interior Ministry, scene of countless interrogations and gentle conversations. A short bus ride away, there is a Jesuit seminary housing some of the most resilient of the church's opponents to the regime and, across the road, in an apartment block where washing rather than patriotic banners hang from the balconies, there is the home of Professor Edward Lipinski, at 96 the grand old man of the dissident movement.

Here, at the non-conformist end of the street, is the Rakowiecka prison, known to its most famous inhabitants, the Solidarity 11, as "The Circus". They have been inside this and other prisons since the declaration of martial law in the winter of 1981, waiting for a show trial that may never happen, the time has eaten into them. They stoop a bit now, the leaders and thinkers of the Solidarity revolution, and their skin has yellowed from too much artificial light. Their charge sheet reads "article 123 in connection with article 128" – preparing to overthrow the system by force – which conjures up an image of hardy desperadoes, ready to destroy socialism as partisans blow up trains.

The physical reality is different. Andrzej Gwiazda, a former deputy, then a challenger to Lech Walesa, is losing his teeth. Marian Jurczyk, once the firebrand leader of Szczecin Solidarity, is being treated for heart problems at the Anin Clinic outside Warsaw. Most of the prisoners suffer from prison diet, although they are allowed food parcels from home. At least one is said to have developed psychological problems. The two main dissidents, Jacek Kuron and Adam Michnik, who have done time in prison before, are coping well enough, but what debilitates the prisoners is not so much the food or the paltry exercise time – half an hour a day – nor the incessant clattering of the air ventilation machines in the prison kitchen, but the absence of a trial. For over six months the indictment has been ready. The defence cases prepared – but the government has proven remarkably coy about trying the men it has branded as dangerous revolutionaries.

But on Good Friday, the government began to show some of its cards. Very rapidly the full paradox of their situation has become apparent. Throughout the world organizations are set up to free political prisoners, publicize their lot, celebrate their martyrdom. In Poland, the government wants to get rid of its embarrassing burden – but the prisoners are refusing to be freed. They will only leave on conditions they consider acceptable.

It began, as usual, with the warder opening the cell door and shouting into the corridors of Rakowiecka's Pavilion 3, "I'm coming out". At this signal, all other doors in the corridor are supposed to slam shut. Then having eliminated the possibility of a chance encounter, the prisoner can be half-led, half-prodded, like a sheep to the dip, into the relatively cleaner air of the corridor for the long shuffle to the visitor's room. But on Good Friday, instead of a meeting with relatives or lawyers, the prisoners were driven one by one, to a government villa in Otwock, a once fashionable area a few dozen kilometres outside the capital.

In some ways the Solidarity 11 live in a cloud of innocence. They have passed the stage of thinking that Poland is on the brink of a revolution waiting only for its standard bearers to emerge from Rakowiecka. They know, through the short bursts of conversation with their lawyers and relatives, that they are important – to Pope John Paul who has been monitoring the church talks for their freedom, to the West who see their release as the most important pointer to the lifting of sanctions, to the government which wants to avoid opening up old wounds with boisterous and well defended show trials, but the trip to Otwock took them by surprise.

Waiting for them, in the most elegant room of the villa, was a group of their former colleagues, respected former advisers to Lech Walesa like Professor Bronislaw Geremek and Tadeusz Mazowiecki and prominent defence lawyers like Jan Olszewski. It was a bit like old times when the same group could, in an evening of cigarettes and talk, decide to bring Warsaw to a halt with strikes or demand apologies from the communist leadership. "What?" exclaimed Jan Rulewski who had been told by the warders that he would meet with the authorities. "Do we have a new government?"

Not a new government, but it was a mark of the authorities' eagerness to rid themselves of the Solidarity 11, that they accepted church proposals to appoint former Solidarity advisers, no lovers of General Jaruzelski, to act as intermediaries. The brief was clear enough: the intermediaries should convince the 11 that the government was acting in good faith. It wanted only a renuciation of political activities for two and a half years and they could be free.

Two problems arose on Good Friday and on subsequent sessions. First, as Adam Michnik expressed it, prisoners should not be negotiators. As free men they could talk with the authorities, but not before. Either the government should put the 11 on trial immediately or release them. There was no middle way: indeed, rarely in Michnik's life was there a middle way when an issue of principle was at stake. He refused on Good Friday and on other occasions to leave his cell.

Secondly, the 11 – or 10, as Michnik had declared his non-participation – had to work out how their release would affect the activities of the fugitive leaders of the Solidarity underground. The underground opposition says that it is under "temporary" or "provisional" leadership. If the Solidarity leaders were released from Rakowiecka, the underground would probably have to dissolve itself. Worse, if the Rakowiecka leaders accepted any conditions in return for their freedom, they would be politically paralyzed as well. One of the Solidarity 11, Seweryn Jaworski, asked that he might consult the underground leader Zbigniew Bujak. A message was passed from the Otwock villa, and the answer came back soon afterwards – reject the proposals.

The Solidarity prisoners returned to Rakowiecka, toying with the ethical and strategic problems. Most of them genuinely wanted to be free, but they were agreed they would only act as a group. But there was more to come. The May Day Solidarity protests grabbed western headlines again, but it was clear that far fewer took part than last year. The authorities could thus make concessions to the prisoners without seeming to be bowing to pressure from the streets. On May 2, a United Nations envoy, Emilio de Olivares, arriving at government invitation, started to see the Rakowiecka prisoners. In the exercise yard, to avoid eavesdropping devices in the visitors room, he made his proposals to Kuron, Henryk Wujec and Zbigniew Romaszewski, all members of the dissident Kor group. The same message was conveyed to all but Michnik: the prisoners could leave, with their families, for the western country of their choice for at least six months, and the United Nations and the Polish government would guarantee their return to Poland. Not forced emigration à la Solzhenitsyn, with the added risk of stripped citizenship, but a kind of study tour.

But the same ethical problems had not disappeared – who do we betray by leaving the country? What would happen to political opposition in Poland? What is freedom without political activity? Although there was disagreement, as ever, between Kuron and Michnik, it became obvious that the Michnik response was the only one available. The intermediaries lost their value, and the initiative for negotiating the freedom of the prisoners passed again to the Catholic church. Archbishop Bronislaw Dabrowski, who leads the talks with the Interior Minister, General Czeslaw Kiszczak, flew to Rome and reported to the Vatican.

There is a slender hope that the Rakowiecka prisoners will be freed without conditions. Moscow, sceptics say, would never approve of this. But Moscow has tolerated far more bizarre events when it comes to dealing with political prisoners. It has swapped Vladimir Bukovsky, a dissident, for a Chilean communist and it allows East Germany to sell prisoners for hard currency to West Germany. The freedom of Lech Walesa, though a perennial embarrassment, shows that potential troublemakers can be contained. Above all, the Polish authorities would like to have no "political prisoner problem" by July 22, the fortieth anniversary of Polish socialism.

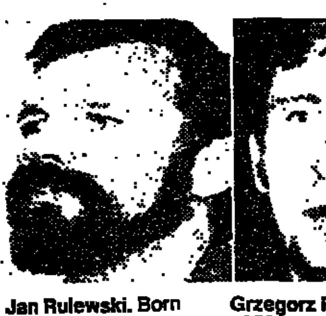
There are few illusions left in or out of Rakowiecka. If an amnesty is declared, and if the Solidarity 11 do benefit from a deal, that does not mean the campaign against the underground will stop.

In the meantime, the Solidarity 11 are lying on their bunks, sharing their cells with black marketeers and (they suspect) informers, learning languages and trying to keep their minds alive. They were briefly presented with an ethical choice and they revelled in it. Unless the Church or the United Nations can come up with new ideas in the very near future, it is unlikely that the prisoners will be consulted so intensively again. There will be uncertainty to the last, to the moment when the warder opens the door, shouts "I'm coming out" and takes them to trial or to freedom.

Roger Boyes



Jacek Kuron. Born 1934. Historian. Co-founder of the Kor dissident group which advised Solidarity.


Andrze Gwiazda. Born 1935, electrical engineer from Gdansk. Became deputy chairman of Solidarity ruling council.

Jan Rulewski. Born 1944. Civil engineer. Member Solidarity national leadership. Counted as a radical.

Grzegorz Palka. Born 1950. Research worker at Lodz Polytechnic. Deputy head of Lodz Solidarity. Very active in organizing.

Karol Modzelewski. Born 1937. Employee of the Wroclaw branch of Polish Academy of Sciences. Key theoretician Solidarity.

Marian Jurczyk. Born 1935. Welder, strike leader in Szczecin shipyards. Member, Solidarity ruling council.



Andrezej Rozplochowski Born 1951. Steel mill mechanic, member of Solidarity ruling council.

Seweryn Jaworski. Born 1931. Head of Solidarity chapter in the Warsaw steel works.

Adam Michnik. Born 1946. Historian. Co-founder of Kor group. Sentenced to three years jail after 1968 student riots.

Henryk Wujec. Born 1941. Physicist. Co-founder of Kor. Organizer of aid to persecuted workers after strikes in 1976.

Zbigniew Romaszewski. Born 1943. Physicist. Member of Kor. Helped organize underground resistance.

moreover . . . **Miles Kington**

As I have said before

At about 9.50pm last Monday Mr Barry Cryer, the performer and writer, arose in the debating hall of the Cambridge Union and prepared to oppose the motion "There's no business like show business". He walked to the rostrum and said: "Mr President, ladies and gentlemen, I am Barry Cryer, one of the best of the cheaper acts". He then bent over the microphone and shouted, as loud as he could, "Testing!".

I know he did this, because I was sitting opposite him at the time, heartily relieved that I had already spoken. But I also know *why* he did this, and it's worth going into, in case any of my readers are seized with a sudden urge to accept an invitation to speak at the Cambridge Union.

I am not a great one for public speaking, but even after a few visits to university unions here and there I realize that student speeches in funny debates tend to draw on three sources: music-hall jokes, sexual innuendo and remarks about members of the union committee. Very often all three coalesce in the form of humorous suggestions that the members of the committee are all sleeping with each other, which seems to bring the house down reasonably efficiently – unless, of course, it's tried by a guest speaker, when it's received in total silence.

Outside these three areas it's harder to construct a speech. As one Cambridge undergraduate confided to me: "We're not bad at delivering jokes. It's thinking them up that stumps us." One honourable exception to this was the first speaker last Monday, Mr Andy Stafford, who had coined some jokes that were new to me, such as: "I have a friend who has drawings of himself plastered all over one wall. On another wall he has pictures of himself sober."

Nevertheless, fresh jokes are in short supply. Which is why the Cambridge Union has taken to recording the speeches of guest speakers, in order to listen to them later and extract the best jokes for their own personal use. Mr Nicholas Parsons, I am told, recently addressed the union and found that some of his speech did not go as well as usual. This was because he had used the same jokes on a previous visit; they had been recorded and used extensively by subsequent undergraduate speakers.

Barry Cryer was not, I think, a university man. In his own words: "My education was severely disrupted by the outbreak of World War II. It had actually taken place 16 years previously, but I was still very upset about it." Nevertheless, he realized what was going on and had therefore shouted very loud into the mike so that the transcribing plagiarist would receive a rude shock.

I find it hard to condemn this recording of jokes myself. It has been normal procedure in show business for many years to steal other people's material and these Cambridge speakers are merely showing a precocious awareness of what it takes to get ahead.

Why, it's how I started myself. The very first time I spoke at a union I was teamed with Clement Freud and I could not help noticing that only the first and last sentence of his speech had any bearing on the motion at all. This, he explained kindly, was because the rest of the speech was the same as that he always used on such occasions: if your opening and closing remarks were on the motion, people were easily convinced that everything used was too. He warmly recommended me to use the same speech wherever I spoke.

And so I did, but with mixed results. This was because almost every paragraph began "As a Liberal MP", "In my experience as a restaurateur" or "My well-known Viennese grandfather", which coming from me tended to mystify rather than amuse people. Eventually I gave up the speech altogether and resorted to some second-hand remarks that Woody Allen no longer needed and which have served me well to this day. If anyone's interested, I believe Cambridge University has a cassette of some of them.

FINDINGS

A series reporting on research

NUCLEAR PHYSICS

Seeing a new light

The pioneers of research in radioactivity had by the turn of the century identified three natural radiations, which they called alpha, beta and gamma rays. Alpha radiation proved to be the emission of helium nuclei (alpha particles); beta radiation is the emission of electrons; and gamma rays are a highly energetic form of light, like X-rays invisible to the eye. Now, two researchers at Oxford University have observed a new form of natural radioactivity – the emission of carbon nuclei.

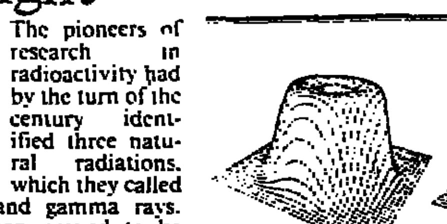
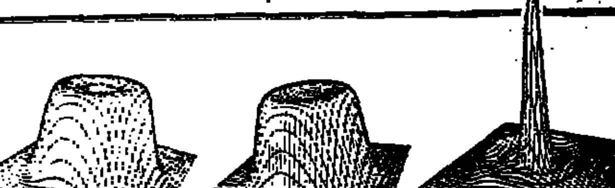
H. J. Rose and G. A. Jones studied the decays of radium-223, a nucleus formed in the natural decay chain in which uranium-235 converts by a series of steps to lead, a nucleus with a stable configuration of protons and neutrons. The researchers found evidence that radium-223 can by-pass some of the steps in this chain by emitting eight neutrons and six protons in one go, bound together in a carbon-14 nucleus. Admittedly, the radium-223 prefers to emit alpha particles (two protons plus two neutrons), with a carbon-14 emerging only once for every thousand million decays. But the observation provides useful insight into the way that protons and neutrons get together

Unstable mates



"Like charges repel" goes the phrase we all learnt at school, so the atomic nucleus presents a paradox. Why doesn't the repulsive force between the protons blow it apart? The answer lies in the strong nuclear force which operates between the various combinations of protons and neutrons. Light nuclei, such as carbon-12 can exist in a stable form based on equal numbers of neutrons and protons. But progressively heavier nuclei require extra neutrons to counteract the increasing repulsion between the protons.

In experiments, however, researchers can make nuclei that are far from this prescription for stability. And in studying nuclei deficient in neutrons researchers have observed a new form of radioactivity – the emission of single protons. Now a team at Garching has found proton radioactivity in two more nuclei – caesium-113 (Which has 20 neutrons too few) and iodine-109 (Which is 18 neutrons short of stability).

Nuclear charge distributions of lead 206 (left) and thallium 205 (centre) show the difference a single proton makes

Spot the dimple in the plot

An atom is typically a millionth of a millimetre (10^{-6}mm) across – so small that large atoms are only barely visible with the most powerful electron microscope. The nuecleus at the heart of the atom is smaller still: a hundred-thousandth the diameter of the atom, or 10^{-11}mm. So what chance is there of seeing a nucleus, and more difficult still, of observing the variation between the nueclei of different elements? As with atoms, the answer lies in "seeing" with electrons rather than light.

Electrons are negatively charged, while nuclei contain positively charged protons. Experiments that scatter electrons from nuclei, which reflects the distribution of protons. Scientists at Saclay, the research centre near Paris, have used this technique to study the nuclei of lead-206 and thallium-205. These nuclei differ by a single proton, in the lead.

The results show clearly the effect of the extra proton. It appears as a dimple in the centre of a plot of the charge distribution for lead, which is missing on the plot for thallium.

Spinning twins

Neutrons and protons behave like spinning tops, with angular momentum about an internal axis. When they come together in atomic nuclei they can form pairs, spinning in opposite directions – clockwise and anticlockwise, say – so that their total spin angular momentum is zero. This pairing in turn means that the measured moment of inertia for a nucleus is between on third and one half less than what it would be for a simple rigid rotating body.

But it is possible that if a nucleus is itself whirled around sufficiently rapidly, then the rotational forces might break up *the pairing, and the moment of* inertia would have the value expected for a rigid body. Scientists have recently put *these ideas to the test, using* silicon beams from accelerators at the Daresbury Labatory in the United Kingdom and the Brookhaven National Laboratory in the United States. The energetic beams collide with targets of nickel to produce rapidly spinning zirconium nuclei. These spinning nuclei then slow down through a set pattern of angular momentum values, giving off gamma rays as they lose energy.

With careful measurements of the gamma rays the researchers were able ultimately to deduce how parameters such as the moment of inertia, vary with rotational frequency of the nuclei. Their results indicate that the zirconium nucleus does begin to rotate like a rigid body once it is spinning fast enough. The simplest explanation is that *the rapid rotation has indeed* broken up the internal pairing.

Christine Sutton

CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 347)

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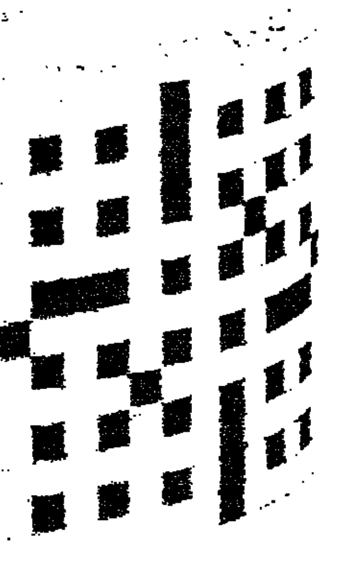
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MONDAY PAGE

The gifted cuckoos in the nest

Colin Hughes on the problems facing high IQ children – and their parents



John Voos

Frieda Painter: "I'm not interested in the wishful thinkers. I'm interested in those who, with more sensitive schooling, will develop into leading contributors to society"

Some years ago I found myself as an amateur on a panel of experts confronting parents belonging to the National Association for Gifted Children, who were seeking guidance on how to cope with their precocious progeny.

One woman challenged the various educationists to advise the dilemma raised by her daughter, who wanted to become a microbiologist. Various learning stimulants were proposed, from buying her a microscope to visiting natural history museums, each one indubitably valuable.

Somewhat sourly, admittedly, when it came to my turn to respond, I asked the genuinely anxious woman how old her child was. "Ten", she replied. "Have you asked her if she knows what a microbiologist is?" "No." "Could you tell her what microbiologist does?" "No!"

But such scepticism is unfair on parents who, after all, are simply following a natural impulse: to ensure that their offspring enjoy all the opportunities perhaps they themselves missed. In its benevolent form the parental motive may generate progress and personal achievement. But can ambitions, once nurtured, be fulfilled? Should the education system be adapted to cater for the super-bright, who are arguably the most able to find their own route to success, however that might be defined?

But the notion of gifted children, determined as those with an IQ of 130 or more, has never won full acceptance in this country. Teachers and psychologists distrust ambiguous definitions of giftedness, and scepticism surrounds the methods employed to test extraordinary intelligence. Others fear that concentration on a talented elite breeds personal and social discontent: it might be, in short, a preparation for a lonely path through life.

Mrs Frieda Painter, who later this week publishes a book directed at parents who suspect that their children are specially gifted, shakes her head at both the stories of aspiring parents and of inbuilt resistance among policy-makers and educationists.

She despairs of the "keeping up with the Joneses" attitude among the mainly middle-class parents who, out of misconceived ambition, drive ordinary youngsters into inflated ideas which may only bring the child a lifetime sense of failure.

They are, she admits, largely to blame for the poor image from which the "gifted" lobby has suffered. Frieda, who entered this minefield when her own daughter, Kathie, scored an IQ of 150 at the age of five on the Stanford-Binet intelligence test, has become convinced that as many as two-thirds of the nation's most outstanding minds are unnoticed and underused.

While Kathie Painter went through the independent school system to be accepted by Jesus College, Oxford, at the age of 16, her mother undertook a study for Hertfordshire council on attitudes to the top 2 per cent in intelligence terms in the county's schools. She discovered, that not only teachers and parents failed to identify giftedness in most of the children, but that the pupils themselves had common problems which actually weakened their will to learn.

The popular model of the bullied "swot" who eventually succumbs to school phobia formed a small proportion of the group. Indeed Mrs Parker has found, over years of personally assisting parents with "problem" giftedness, that brilliance is often identifiable by disruptiveness and skill at concealing intelligence.

Extroverts become classroom clowns, using their quick wits to bait teachers. Others, bored by the slow pace of class work, win popularity by deliberately contriving inaccurate answers, deluding their teachers. Boys grow into gang leaders, eventually becoming permanently lost to the establishment view of success.

Many young bright children also have characteristics unlikely to endear them to their elders: tantrums born of frustration, scrawly handwriting, and day-dreaming. The "drop out"syndrome continues until late in life, and Mrs Painter tells of first class physicists becoming lavatory attendants, and philosophers on pizza production lines.

Given that local authorities spend extra funds on the 10 per cent to 20 per cent who suffer handicap disability, or other learning difficulties, why do we not also plough cash into the top 2 per cent as an indispensable national resource she asks.

The major problem, which she recognizes, is deciding who they are. Her book, *Living With a Gifted Child*, includes an intelligence test devised by Dr L. F. Lowenstein, director of the International Council of Psychologists, to help parents make the first step in assessing giftedness in their own home. It goes on to advise on the school options and career openings available.

Parents are encouraged to avoid "cuckoo in the nest" effects, by telling the child that he or she is different. To the objection that such frankness will only bolster "big heads and know alls", Mrs Painter emphasizes that it is parents who inflate self-images. "One thing children are all good at is cutting each other down to size."

"I'm not interested in the wishful thinkers. I'm interested in those who, with more sensitive schooling, will develop into leading contributors to society, and fulfil themselves better on the way."

The most intractable problem is changing attitudes. The best route to unpopularity is by doing things quicker and better than anybody else around you", she says. "Better to run special classes, the reverse of remedial work, within the existing system".

Pupils who finish work early and sit bored and listless, sometimes through a whole year of junior school, should be provided with additional learning materials in the class so that they have individual work to stretch them. With Kathie, Mrs Painter is now publishing such course work from her home at Knebworth, Hertfordshire, and has more than 1,000 public and private schools on her books.

As a former education officer for the National Association for Gifted Children, Mrs Painter finally accepts that guilding parents on how to cope with children whose mental ability may be nearly twice their actual age is only a first step. "In the long run it's the teachers and politicians we have to persuade."

Living With a Gifted Child *is published by Souvenir Press on Thursday May 24, £8.95.*

PENNY PERRICK

Men are just fine – in their place



There must be a bit of a panic on. Or why would the Working Men's College in London NW1 be promoting a course called "Masculinity: what does it mean to be a man in the 80s?" I rang up to find out precisely what kind of collective uncertainty among the Working Men had led to the course being set up. An informative lady said that the main theme of the six two-hourly sessions was to discover how masculinity had changed since the 1950s. For the better, I should have thought.

Were I the course tutor I should make plentiful use of visual aids ranging from 1950s man – Burton suit and Brylcreem: 1960s man – looking ridiculous in a kaftan and lank curls; 1970s man – in a double-knit safari suit and dubious medallion on a chain, to finish with delicious 1980s man, looking like the lovely helpmeet he is, in a jogging suit accessoried with a baby in a sling and a washing-up cloth worn casually over a shoulder.

However, reassurance doesn't seem to be the name of the game. A new book, with the challenging title *The Redundant Male* was written not by a member of SCUM (Society for Cutting Up Men), but by two youngish gentlemen with an air of bicycle clips and leather elbow patches about them.

Their contention is that the time is nearing when men won't be needed, not even for that Just One Thing that men are, allegedly, supposed to want women for. The babies that the Just One Thing often leads to, will be made to order in a laboratory from a couple of chemicals and a few imprecations by the boffin in charge. Masculinity will be about as necessary to preserving the future of the human race as a moat and drawbridge would be in the face of nuclear war.

Nonetheless, and in spite of these worrying portents, I am sure that men will always have their uses. For one thing, you have to have about your person in order to get a decent table in a restaurant. Without an attendant male, you will not only be seated in a draught, you will not be asked if you would care for a drink.

Since women are always reasonable to a fault, the world will always need men to perform that vital function known as making a fuss. If it weren't for them threatening to write to the managing director at a drop of hat, we would find ourselves seated in the smoking area although non-smoking was asked for; we would meekly eat our chop burnt to a crisp although we had ordered it medium rare, and we would accept the fact that it takes six months to get the spin-drier repaired because we know how busy people are.

Men are also absolutely necessary when it comes to making a fuss over nothing – magazines found in the wrong place, the minutest ruckle found in a bed sheet, all of which helps to keep us alert and on our toes.

The question that remains is the one that the Working Men's College is asking, viz. what does it mean to be a man in the 1980s? I suspect that at the end of the course, the students will have been persuaded that the new masculinity equals being rather more "feminine" than was once held to be decent: that is being gentle, sympathetic, aware, and so on.

This is a highly acceptable notion, although I have to say that I haven't noticed women being trampled to death in their efforts to reach the sort of man who wears purple tracksuit bottoms and bakes his own bread. I think a friend of mine got it just about right when she insisted: "What every woman needs is a man who is resolute and firm and who is prepared to compromise with you on absolutely everything.

● **I do not like that staple of the gents' outfitting department, the blazer, a garment designed, in its seedy nattiness, to make the most morally upright and irreproachable man look like a bogus major crossed with a dodgy chorus boy. The least depressing aspect of the miners' strike, therefore, is that, since Arthur Scargill has been televised wearing a blazer, everybody else may stop.**

Contraception in the Irish Republic is illegal but as **Richard Ford** reports, the laws, widely flouted, are now to be challenged in court

Inducing the birth of change in Ireland

Well woman: founder Ann Connolly

When the Well Woman Clinic in Dublin installed a machine that sold condoms without a prescription to men and women, married or single, it knew that eventually there would probably be a visit from police investigating law-breaking.

Ostensibly the machine, selling two contraceptives for 50p, was introduced to lessen the pressure on a reception staff coping with a 40 per cent sales increase in a year. But as the clinic courted publicity, another motive seems to have been to challenge the republic's Health Family Planning Act of 1979 and to support the campaign for reform of Mr Charles Haughey's "Irish solution to an Irish problem".

Tomorrow that challenge comes to a head when the clinic, founded in 1978 by Ann Connolly to counsel on abortion and family planning, appears in court to hear whether an application to have charges brought against them be struck out. Last week they successfully won an adjournment after arguing that the prosecution for breaking the family planning law had been wrongly brought. The law, widely flouted in Ireland, has been in force for almost four years, and was recently reviewed by the Department of Health and Social Welfare.

Under the Act, contraceptives, medical and non-medical, may be supplied by pharmacists on presentation of a doctor's prescription, but the doctor has to be satisfied the contraceptives are to be used by married couples only, for "bona fide" family planning.

The prosecution is the second under the Act – last year the chairman of the Irish Family Planning Association was fined £500 for supplying a packet of 10 condoms. With the ending of the New Ireland Forum, the supporters of the prime minister, Dr Garret FitzGerald, are looking for action on this and other issues which have attracted voters to his vision of social progress.



Marching on: the 1971 campaigners are still on the road

Some progress has been made, those involved in family planning claim. Political opposition has decreased, fewer people now have religious qualms about contraception, open hostility and demonstration have all but ended, and there is a trend towards smaller – by Irish standards – families of four or five children. "Family planning", says Christine Donaghy of the Irish Family Planning Association (IFPA), "is virtually respectable now".

A pilot scheme has been launched by a health board in Dublin that provides a service to a large working class area. Family planners have been invited to participate in community exhibitions and the influence of the Roman Catholic church, which insists on natural methods of birth control, is waning. Indeed, for many lay Roman Catholics, contraception is no longer an issue. One liberal priest said: "We teach natural methods as the only permissible way. But it is not observed, and that is an indication of what is happening within the church. Many extreme right-wingers believe that what the Pope says goes but the man-in-the-street makes up his own mind according to his conscience."

There are still towns where it is impossible to get non-medical contraceptives: 300 of 1,000 chemists do not stock them and it is estimated that only 300 doctors are trained in family planning. Moreover, the size of mail order sales of contraceptives is indicative of the continuing difficulty of obtaining them in rural areas.

The reform being sought calls for abolition of the need for a doctor's prescription in the purchase of contraceptives. This would make them more easily available to single people, who accounted for 58 per cent of callers at the IFPA's clinic in Dublin. Latest opinion polls show that 36 per cent want them to be available to everyone, 25 per cent to married couples only, 22 per cent to married couples only on a prescription, and 15 per cent not available at all. Two thirds of those who wish them to be available to everyone are under 34 years old, and it is in the rural areas and among the over 50 age group that hostility towards family planning persists.

Mr Barry Desmond, Minister of Health, has criticized the medical certificate provision, saying "The law is an ass in this respect".

"In Ireland we are uniquely negligent in tackling this problem in a mature and honest way", Dr Andrew Rynne, chairman of the IFPA, says. "There is nothing special about Irish society, like anywhere else in the world, we do need to protect people from contracting venereal disease or causing an unwanted pregnancy. Laws that put condoms out of reach of sexually active people are hypocritical and demonstrably absurd."

The campaign to ban abortion has been followed by a widespread debate on Irish attitudes to sex, particularly the problems of teenage pregnancy and unmarried mothers. Hardly a week passes without a reference to marital breakdown now becoming a serious problem in a country where there is no divorce and which is one of the last to retain illegitimacy of children born out of wedlock.

It has already been suggested that no one under the age of 18 should be permitted to marry, and pregnant single women are increasingly advised by the church not to rush into a hasty marriage. In Dublin, the church insists on any such person under 18 waiting six months before marrying, and those over 18, three months. The death before a shrine of the Virgin Mary of a 15-year-old girl while giving birth to her son, who also died, highlighted the distressing fact that at least one 15-year-old gives birth each week.

The shrine incident deeply shocked the country, some people contending that it had a greater effect than the whole tortuous amendment campaign. Mrs Nuala Fennell, Minister of State for Women's Affairs, said: "We must, as parents, politicians, clergy, teachers, examine our standards on this matter in the light of sentiments expressed in the last 12 months on the constitutional debate. We can only be truly pro-life if we eradicate prejudice about pregnancies occurring outside marriages. There is little indication that a caring society has emerged fully in the wake of the three-year pro-life debate we have gone through".

Undoubtedly, cracks are appearing in the conservative fabric of Irish life, with recent trends showing a decline in the credibility of church and state leadership, a new tolerance of alternative views on sex and marriage and growing numbers believing that decisions on sex should be a matter of individual choice.

However, in a small country there is a huge gap between what people tell the pollsters in private and what they are prepared to say in public. "Irish society is so small that somebody is always known by somebody else, wherever they are, and however tolerant people may be in private, they are not prepared to say it in public", said a Roman Catholic priest. "There is still a great deal of intolerance, and a massive gulf between attitudes in urban and rural Ireland on social matters. The trend is towards vaguer beliefs, with a high premium on practice and young people criticizing the church on its beliefs much more strongly. The whole thing is beginning to look like a pack of cards about to collapse."

But despite the view of this liberal cleric, many nevertheless fear that the politicians will stumble on the road towards social reform and retreat because of a failure of nerve.

TALKBACK

Not so insane

From Dr Roland Littlewood, Dept of Psychological Medicine, Guy's Hospital, London

To stigmatize political opponents as insane is commonplace, particularly when their assumptions are based on rather different premises to those of their critics. Denigrating them as mad both serves to deny them rationality and mocks their adherents, for only the most credulous and simple-minded could take seriously the ravings of madmen.

It is thus a little alarming to find *The Times* following the example of the popular press after the recent events at the Libyan People's Bureau in claiming Gaddafi is insane (Friday May 4).

For absolute rulers to become secretive and suspicious is hardly surprising, but this is not mental illness: those who do become psychotic are soon removed by their colleagues, as Suetonius suggested in the case of Caligula. If we attribute political action to psychopathology, we remove it from the commonsense everyday world of social action in which we can predict events and assume responsibility. I suspect that Dr Stuttaford is not so much offering us a serious diagnosis as (if I may be permitted another medical metaphor) expressing a sense of impotence.

Foot faults

From Helen Corkery, 52, Harrison Close, Woodlands, Reigate, Surrey

I was interested to see in Medical Briefing, Friday page, May 11 that the bent-over big toe and incipient bunion are caused by ill-fitting shoes worn in youth.

This tale is usually told by men to women, which is itself interesting since there is a clear male preference for the female foot to be lightly shod in high-heeled shoes. Is there any real evidence for this old story?

All my life I have put my beautiful, straight-toed feet into ugly shoes made specifically for the woman whose feet are fractionally broader than average, or worn footwear that was too large but could be kept on the foot, sandals retained by buckles in the summer, boots by long zips in the winter; and with what result? With the approach of middle age my big toes have collapsed and the joints are swelling.

Let us hear some other hypotheses for this condition.

From Gordon S Seyner, MCh S, 192 Chiswick High Road, London W4.

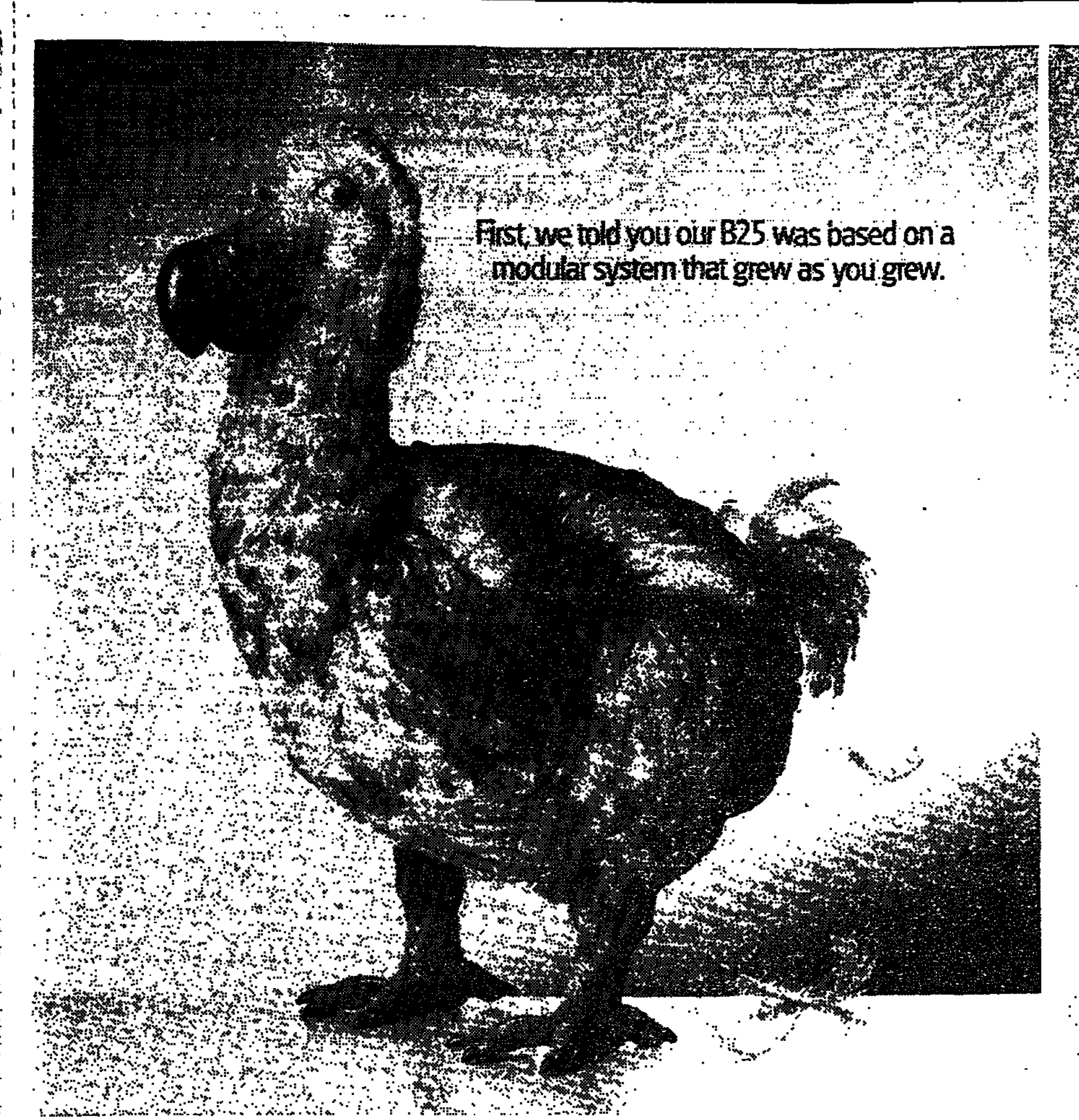
With reference to the paragraph headed Fit Feet, the supreme irony lies in the fact that the company publishing this booklet produces and markets Carnation Corn Caps, which product I hope most earnestly Mesdames Timbs and Fraser never ever use.

Well read

From D W Liddle, Central Library, Gateshead

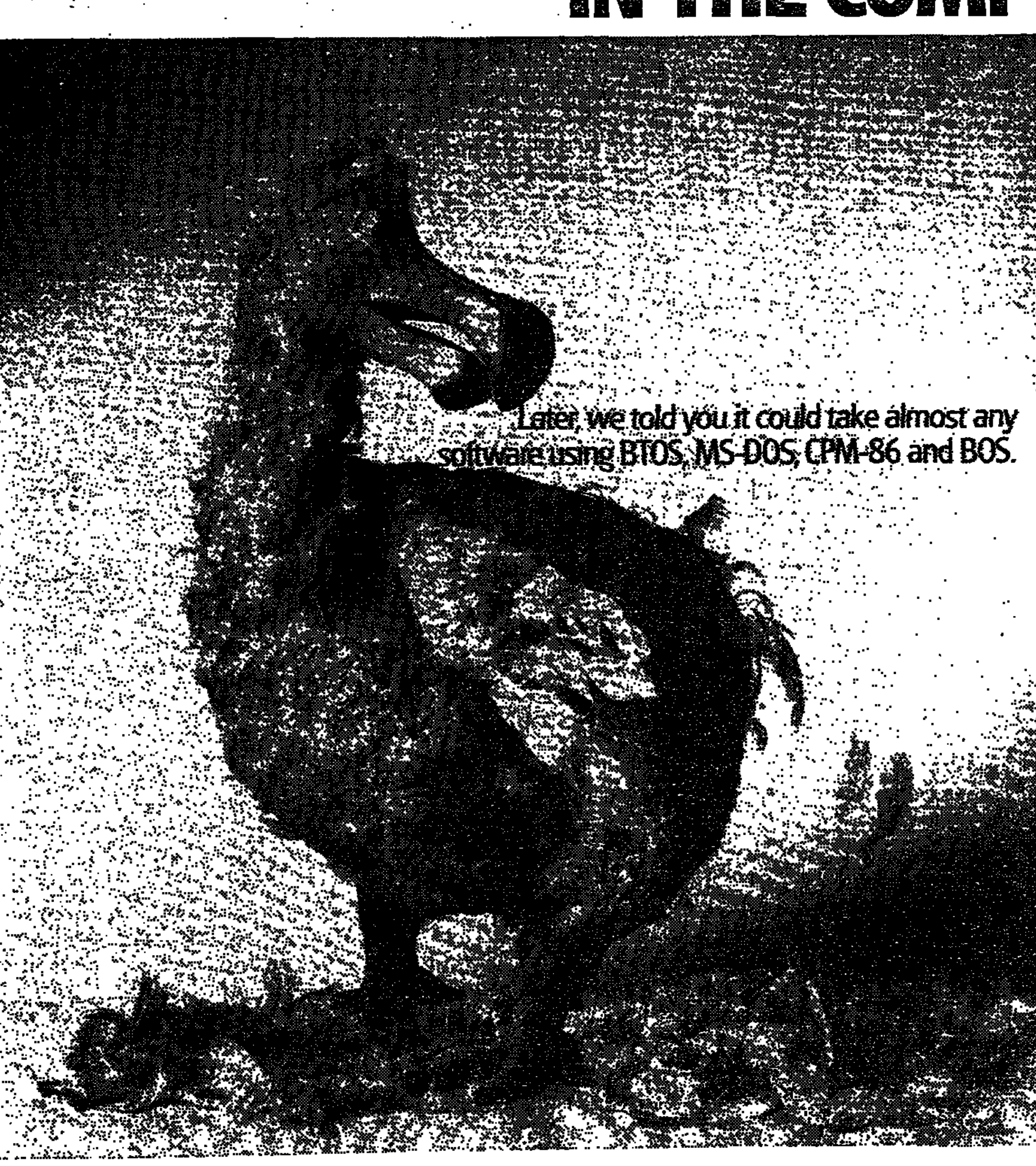
I suppose it was inevitable that once authors began receiving payments linked to library book issues, they would assume that they had a right to tell librarians how to do their jobs i.e. lend more of their books (Friday Page, May 11).

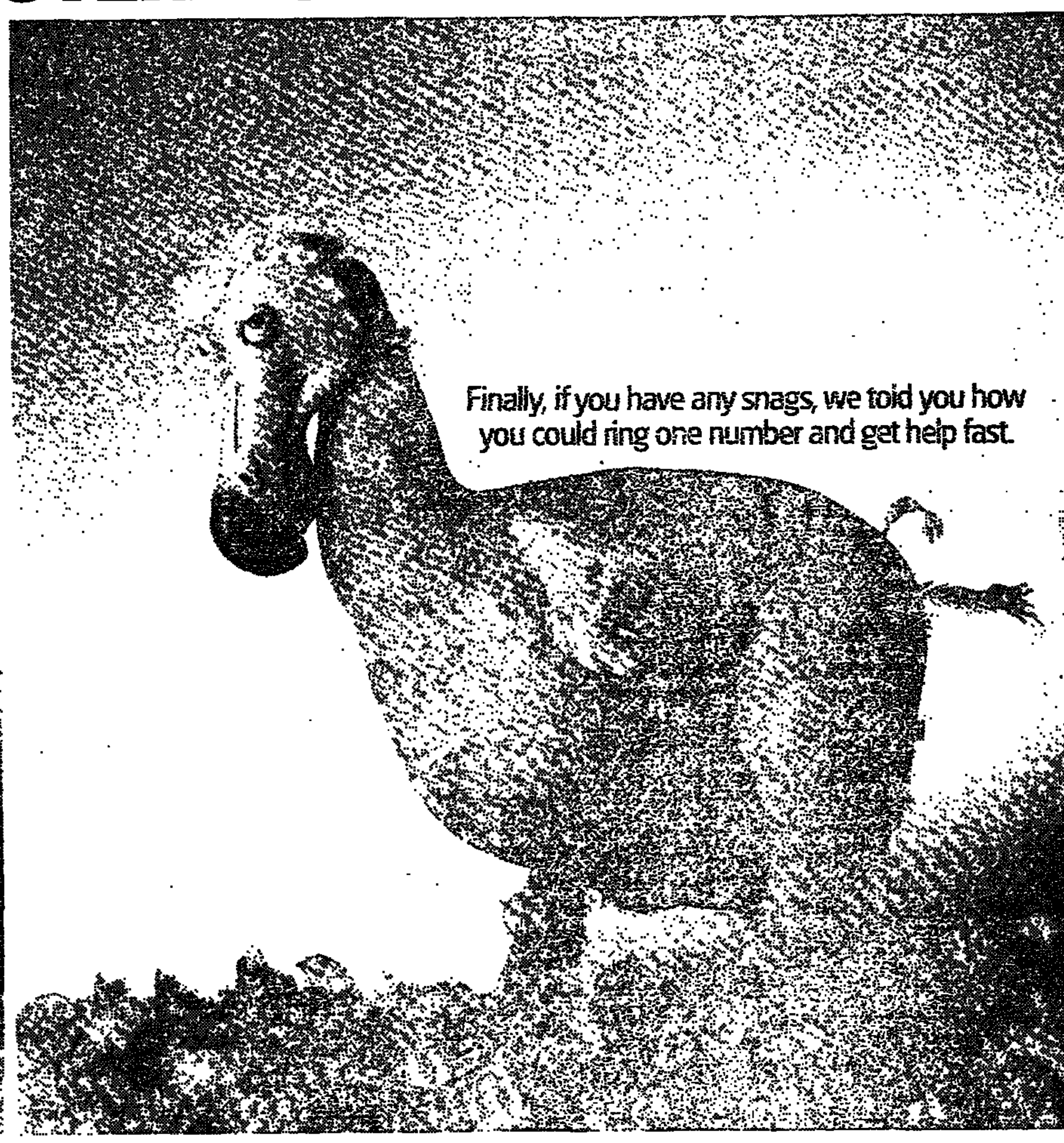
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PARIS DIARY

Frank Johnson

Having an unspoken bon jour

I often have breakfasted at the Deux Magots or the Cafe de Flore. This practice is open to the criticism of being extremely unoriginal, since they are the two most famous cafes in Paris. I remain unashamed for several reasons.

First, I do not share the contemporary fear of being thought, when abroad, to go in for "touristy" things. As the spring proceeds, Paris is steadily filling up with thousands of American tourists devoting much time to avoiding other American tourists, when the time could be more happily spent accepting the inevitable and going to the top of the Eiffel Tower in the company of their compatriots, there to find Eiffel-Tower-shaped leg-warmers or whatever it is that the modern American buys up there. Secondly, the Deux Magots and the Cafe de Flore are supplied by the bakery which, according to my own extensive field research on the subject, makes the best croissants in the city.

The two cafes are almost next to one another on the Boulevard Saint Germain. Why are they famous? This in unclear. On its menu, the Deux Magots describes itself as the "rendezvous of the intelligentsia." Although that could be a warning to customers, as in: "Beware pick-pockets." It seems that, in the years immediately after the war, a lot of existentialism went on in the area. The police appear to have clamped down on that and now a lot of homosexuality goes on in the area.

The Cafe de Flore is a meeting place for homosexuals, or so I was recently told by some Parisian friends after I had been having breakfast there for months and had not noticed. For at no time had I, as the English phrase has it, "been bothered" by anyone. This is either reassuring or insulting, or perhaps breakfast is not prime time. Despite its reputation for existentialism, or any other vice, the Flore remains a superbly conducted establishment.

The waiters are neither out to humiliate the foreigner, as in the Paris of British legend, nor do they constantly incite the customer to have a nice day, as in the whole of the United States outside New York. Instead, they confine themselves to the efficient discharge of their duties.

In either of the cafes you can get a breakfast for one person consisting of, say, three cups of coffee and three croissants, with butter and *confiture* for a price a little under an average Paris three-course lunch with half a carafe of wine. According to your scale of values, this is either excellent value or a scandal.

Embroiled in a most Savary murder

One of the principles on which the Briton should observe France is that French political scandals go on for ever and are never resolved. So there has been a development in the comparatively short-running affair of the murder of the Duke of Enghien under Napoleon.

This is quite separate from the murder of the Duke of Broglie under M Giscard d'Estaing, not to mention the Stavisky affair, although there are concierges to be found, and no doubt journalists, who think they were all in it together.

Napoleon is generally agreed to have ordered murder only once. His detractors say he sent a lot of other people needlessly to their deaths, but only one deed which could be described as murder: the shooting, at the Fortress of Vincennes outside Paris, of this 31-year-old Bourbon princeling, a rival as ruler of France. This was the act which drew from Talleyrand the phrase "worse than a *crime, a blunder*," the remark used ever since, to describe governmental sin, by people wishing to appear worldly.

Now M Maurice Schumann, has stepped into the affair. He always steps in in the end. Not only did he step in to set up the Common Market, but he is even better remembered by Britons of a certain age as the man who under the Fourth Republic tended to be foreign minister when it was not the Maitre Georges Bidault. Like so many French politicians, he also writes. He has just published a superbly readable book called: "*Who Killed the Duke of Enghein?*" After much intrigue, he says it was the work of a criminally over-zealous Napoleonist named Savary. Matters are made more complicated by the fact that the over-zealous present Minister of Education, who has made President Mitterrand even more unpopular than he need be by trying to abolish private schooling, is also named M Savary.

BARRY FANTONI



"If you really want to know, I'm a plain-clothes Rottweiler"

Time to pour oil on the Gulf

by George Walden

Asked for his view on the Iran-Iraq war, an American statesman replied: "A pity only one can lose". It is not just the threat to western oil supplies. A more worrying danger is that misunderstanding or miscalculation could lead to a superpower clash in an area where the Americans have given a quasi-nuclear guarantee.

It would be foolish to deny that Washington and Moscow have conflicting strategies in the Gulf. But their more immediate interests coincide to a remarkable extent, and they should move now, quickly and publicly, to block off the possibility of such a confrontation.

In 1980 President Carter, reacting to accusations of weakness, gave what amounted to a nuclear commitment to the Gulf: "Any attempt by an outside force to gain control of the Persian Gulf region will be regarded as an assault on the vital interests of the United States. It will be repelled by use of any means necessary, *including military force*."

Paradoxically, Mr Reagan has been more cautious in his commitments. The Soviet advance which Carter's warning was presumably calculated to deter has never shown much sign of materializing. The Russians have demonstrated a healthy disinclination to exploit the war, even though it is taking place only 400 miles from Soviet frontiers. This is not for lack of Soviet strategic ambition in the area. Their historical interest in Iran remains as lively as ever, and is symbolized by the recent promotion to first deputy prime minister, with Politburo status, of Geidar Aliyev, a native of Azerbaijan, which borders on Iran.

For the moment, there is a discernible coincidence of superpower attitudes to the war. They share an interest in maintaining the principle of free navigation, there as elsewhere. Both are equally thwarted in Iran, and both are shifting the balance of their neutrality towards Iraq. Neither profits from the war, and each has a self-evident interest in preventing it widening.

The challenge to US diplomacy is to translate these shared concerns into effective action – without giving the Russians the status in the Gulf to which they aspire. We all hope that diplomatic machinery is humming smoothly and efficiently in the background. So far, the US Defence Secretary, Mr Caspar Weinberger, has responded with admirable coolness and firmness. But there is little overt sign of any imaginative moves from Washington.

Why is the onus on Washington, rather than Moscow, to initiate such moves? First, because western democracies have a perennial duty to show themselves more responsible than communist autocracies. More practically, in the present atmosphere, we are unlikely to get much imagination from Moscow.

The danger is that the Russians will interpret any western military move into the Gulf, spearheaded by the US, as a prelude to the overthrow of Khomeini and the re-establishment of the US dominance in Iran. The combustible potential is high. Only visible, high-level contact between the superpowers, followed by the necessary soothing noises, will make it clear to the Gulf states and to the international community that both sides are determined to avoid escalation.

If the situation deteriorates, it may be that British naval forces will be asked to join the Americans and the French in keeping the Gulf open. We should show solidarity with our allies here, as we did in Lebanon. But we should also do our best to ensure that the Americans get the diplomacy right too. That means a broader and more sophisticated view of events than they showed in Lebanon. There may be times when gunboat diplomacy is defensible. But gunboats without diplomacy can rarely be justified.

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Alan Franks on the man most likely to lead England this summer

Cavalier with a touch of steel

A month ago, the announcement of David Gower's appointment as England captain for the approaching series against the West Indies seemed a mere formality, and even one or two selectors, those most private of people, talked openly of him as the obvious successor to Bob Willis. By last week the odds had lengthened, with Willis making an early recovery from the infection which cut short his tour of Pakistan, and Gower himself still out of action with blood poisoning.

Still, the fact remains that when cricket enthusiasts consider, as they never tire of doing, the range of possible incumbents for the great office, the assumption is always that we are on the brink of a long period of Gower rule. Even the modest 27-year-old, nursing an index finger like an underdone sausage, said at his Leicester home last week: "I am certainly working towards doing the job."

Gower's credentials are firmly based on the third test against Pakistan in Lahore earlier this year. During the preceding weeks we had already lost one test in Pakistan and a whole series to New Zealand. The added loss of Botham and Willis led to Gower standing in as captain for only the third time in his life. He scored a splendid 173 and almost snatched victory through a bold and finely-judged declaration. It may not have saved the series, but it did wonders for morale.

Many see him as standing in direct line of descent to the great Frank Woolley, of Kent, while others choose to align him with Graeme Pollock, another blond left-hander. "I know that people have tried to compare him with the pre-war amateurs", says David Frith, editor of the *Wisden Cricket Magazine*, "but I'm not sure that's right . . . all this comparing doesn't really get you anywhere. I suppose we middle-aged folk like to do it to show that we've seen it all and there's nothing new. But if you ask me, I'd say Gower is unique, and definitely one of the best three batsmen in the world. And he's beautiful to watch."

The younger readers of Frith's magazine agree. In a recent poll in which they were asked to nominate their favourite stroke in the game, two out of three chose a Gower shot, either his square cut or cover drive. Perhaps these two shots, so full of wrist and balance, together with the classic Botham straight drive, are the most potent images of British batting at this comparatively lean time.

The vital question posed of the England captaincy is always: what effect will it have on the man's play? All too often the answer has been depressing. Post-war cricket history is full of captains whose performance has been diminished by the burden. Mention Botham to David Gower in this context and he



Gower: tension behind that laid-back image

reminds you that his good friend Ian had the unenviable experience of nine consecutive tests against the West Indies – whom we have not beaten for a decade.

When Gower took the reins in Pakistan it seemed, particularly in Lahore, that he had decided not to adopt Willis's collective approach to the job, but to work it all out unaided. The Cabal (as in Captain and Botham and Lamb) had been replaced by a single potentate. Or so it seemed to the spectators and many a seasoned commentator.

But here again, as so often in cricket, the appearance was misleading, and the reasons were simple, as Gower explains: "I'm at slip, remember, where you can talk to the rest without using semaphore: Bob's probably 50 yards away at the other end of the ground, starting his run. "Bob has strong ideas of how to *plan and run a game*: obviously he suffers from being remote while bowling. I did a lot of conferring myself in Pakistan, particularly with Gatting and Taylor. After all, Gatt's a good captain and Taylor's been playing for 20-odd years. It's always useful to get a second opinion when your mind's not made up. Anyway, in the end it's your decision, no matter what the advice is."

Gower concedes that whenever a player assumes the captaincy, it is logical to expect his play to suffer a little. But he points out that during his three matches in charge, his own poor performance in one was put down to the cares of office, but then so were his successes in the other two. So, through the Englishman's strangely Jesuitical approach to his cricket, the captaincy turns into a catch-all clause; if the bloke fails, you blame it on the onus, and if he succeeds, you say that he has acquired a new sense of responsibility.

"Cavalier" is second only to "laid-back" in stock words to describe Gower, and both terms imply that he doesn't really care. "No, that's wrong," he says, with the *emphasis of someone* who cares. "During a game, there's a lot more going on than meets the eye. It's all very well to say of someone 'He looks cool' while he's batting, but I get *nervous just like everyone else*. You have to remember that there is a certain conscious effort in a conflict between batsmen and bowler. The last thing you want to do when you're playing the West Indies is to encourage Malcolm Marshall in the idea you're not particularly enjoying it.

"If you wanted to be harsh, you could say that I'm not totally dedicated, and that would be fair. But only if you take *both* those words in their full and literal sense. There are other things in life than cricket."

Because of injury right at the start of this, his first season leading Leicester, we have no pointers from the county circuit on Gower's style. David Frith reckons that if you really want parallels, you could do worse than to think of Peter May. "David is like May, and Brearley for that matter, in that all three were meant to be establishment figures, but were really not that at all, but free-thinkers. Just like May, there's real steel there, although he was less relaxed, more concerned about dignity than David is."

When Gower himself is asked which of his own captains' qualities he would most like to combine, he thinks long and hard, and replies: "I'd take Brears' ability to read a game and solve problems, I'd take Ray Illingworth's deep knowledge of the game, and I'd be glad to have Bob Willis's sense of humour. I know Ian's captaincy was heavily knocked, but I wouldn't mind some of his flair and intuition."

It would be an admirable hybrid. As a player, he already has enormous credit in the bank at international level – certainly more than several recent captains, including Mike Denness, Tony Lewis and Brearley himself. In his 59 appearances for England he has played 102 innings, scored 4,260 runs at an average of 45.81, amassed nine centuries (including a score of 200 against India in 1979), 21 half-centuries and taken 39 catches. And let us not forget his bowling, since everyone else does: a grand analysis of one wicket for two runs, taken against India when a match was fizzling to a draw and the surprise leavened the boredom. None the less, the wicket was that of Kapil Dev, the fine Indian all-rounder.

The notion of a Gower captaincy has a deliciously dangerous edge to it. That Lahore match: with the game saved and the Pakistanis shutting up shop, what does he do but bring on Chris Smith a couple of overs from the end, begging the late order batsmen to have a final go; three wickets in hand, but fewer than 30 runs for victory. "In my mind," he recalls, "there was an extremely low hope of doing anything extraordinary at that stage, although I wouldn't have minded." A crucial juxtaposition in the Gower *philosophy*, that: "an extremely low hope. . . although I wouldn't have minded."

Californian crunch – with both Hart and Mondale the losers?

Washington

California here we come. Not since 1972, when George McGovern defeated Hubert Humphrey in the California primary and wrested the Democratic nomination from the *party's favourite son*, has the nation's most poplous state been the stage for such a crucial contest as that taking place on June 5.

Normally the contest is over long before California, which is perhaps why Californian Democrats so often allow themselves the luxury of refusing to ratify the decision already taken by voters in other states. They voted, for example, for Jerry Brown against Jimmy Carter in 1976 and for Edward Kennedy against Carter in 1980.

This year, however, the way California votes is of critical importance to the outcome of the nominating convention in San Francisco five weeks later. Walter Mondale, while recognizing that the polls now show him trailing Senator Gary Hart in California, believes he can win enough of the state's outsize batch of 345 delegates (306 of whom will be determined on the basis of the June 5 primary) to take him past the 1,967 delegate figure he needs to secure the party's nomination.

Even if he does not clinch it in California, he hopes a reasonable showing in the four other primaries on the same day, notably in New Jersey, will take him past the winning post.

Hart, on the other hand, hopes that a big win in California will regain for him the momentum which he lost after his initial string of upset victories over Mondale in March. Although he would still be trailing Mondale in the delegate count, he would try to use his hoped-for victory in California to persuade *the large number of* uncommitted delegates at the national convention, as well as the supporters of the third candidate, the Rev Jesse Jackson, to support *him*.

He would also seek to convert to his cause the many lukewarm Mondale supporters who fear the former vice-president will be easily trounced by President Reagan in November. (Party rules written after the 1980 convention allow pledged delegates to switch before the first ballot). But to achieve this, Hart must not just win in California, but "win big".

The question of "electability" looms large both over the California *contest and the convention. Hart's* initial primary successes were largely the result of a widely held belief that Mondale does not stand a chance against Reagan and that the Party *needs a more credible alternative*. Although Mondale's remarkable recovery in key states such as Illinois, New York, Pennsylvania and Texas have revealed a toughness *and determination many thought* he did not possess, nevertheless his recent losses in Ohio, Indiana, Oregon and Nebraska, have again raised the "electability" issue.

Mondale's problem, his critics say, is that his appeal does not extend much beyond dichard Democrats – and even many of them have had to be dragooned by trade union bosses and party officials into voting for him. Beyond the committed few, support for Mondale has proved to be very soft.

In hardly any of the primaries and caucuses already held has Mondale won more than 50 per cent of the vote. In most, Hart and Jackson *between them have accounted for* more than 60 per cent, which, put in another way, means that around two thirds of the voters who bothered to take part (only a tiny fraction of the *electorate*), *have indicated they do* not want Mondale as their nominee.

His candidacy does not inspire enthusiasm. He has failed to make much impact on the broad middle ground of voters, notably among people who describe themselves as independents, which any Democratic candidate will have to capture if Reagan is to be defeated.

Hart, on the other hand, has run consistently well among independents. He has outpolled Mondale among this group in every contest in which independents were allowed to participate.

Hart's problem, however, is that he has only lukewarm support among traditional Democrats. He has had only a handful of endorsements from party leaders and has alienated the trade unions, whose logistical and financial support will be even more important in November than it has proved to be for Mondale in the primaries.

Thus the "electability" issue cuts both ways. Does the party opt for a favourite son in the hope that he *may close what has been termed* "the passion gap" once the election campaign begins in earnest? Or do Democrats go for an "outsider" whose supposed support among middle Americans is unproven and who could, it is feared, turn out to be as great an electoral disaster as McGovern was 12 years ago.?

Neither candidate can derive much comfort from opinion polls, all of which show Reagan an easy winner if the election were to be held now. And although Hart has consistently fared better against Reagan than Mondale, his lead over the former vice-president has been slipping in recent weeks.

All of this means that this year's convention could be the most *volatile in years*, unless the three candidates agree on a unity pact before then. Many Democrats fear that the only real victor in San Francisco will be Ronald Reagan. *While* Mondale, Hart and Jackson wheel and deal and campaign against each other, Reagan just has to go on "acting presidential" until his own coronation takes place at the Republican convention in Dallas in August.

Then, with a unified party behind him, he will confront a challenge from a candidate who is the far-from-unanimous choice of Democratic and would-be Democratic voters. It is no wonder that Reagan campaign officials smugly assert that "electability" is only a Democratic problem.

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Why comparability is odious

"Megaw!" the very word is like a bell to toll us back to the dear, dead days of the Civil Service strike. The name suggests rooks cawing in thick fog, or a scene from *Bleak House*. Mention of the word in Whitehall corridors these days provokes uneasy mutterings and sidelong glances, as if there were some dark secret which must soon come to light.

In plain terms, the story so far is that, after the unpleasant Civil Service pay dispute in 1981, the Government set up an inquiry under Sir John Megaw, a High Court judge. *In future*, the system was not merely to compare the pay of civil servants with that of people doing roughly similar jobs outside (the system which had been in force formally *since the* Priestley Report of 1955, and effectively since the year dot); the Megaw committee was supposed to take account of other factors – such as the job security *enjoyed by civil servants* and the ease or difficulty of recruiting and retaining staff. In other words, the system was to become more like that pertaining to the outside world.

Alas, Sir John did not come up with the goods. Or at least he purported to come up with the goods, but, on closer examination, the Megaw system looked remarkably like the Priestley system. It was much like asking a child to draw anything he likes out of his imagination; and finding that he keeps on drawing a square house with a red roof and a green front door.

What appeared to be a neat way out of a public sector pay dispute, in fact stored trouble and expense for the future. The same thing happened *with the firemen. It is happening* with the teachers. It may well happen with the nurses. Once public employees have inhaled the intoxicating fumes of comparability, they *will never willingly return* to the drab slog of free collective bargaining. And unless the government pays up every farthing recommended by the official review body, they have *an official grievance*.

The Government waited until the end of 1982 before saying anything at all about Megaw. Then it said that it accepted the broad approach, but *that the new system would not be* ready to be operated in 1983. When 1984 came round, the Government said it still was not quite ready, but, to fill in, it would ask the Office of *Manpower Economics to do a study* comparing civil servants' pay with outside rates. Mr Nigel Lawson is, in short, playing *Scheherazade*, spinning any kind of yarn to postpone the dreadful day when the Civil Service unions cut off talks and walk out.

The trouble is that these little studies tend to be just as embarrassing as a full-blown *Megaw* system would be. According to the National Union of Teachers, a similar type of study done on their profession shows that, in 1974, salaries were roughly the same as accountants', electrical engineers' and police inspectors'. Now they are up to 42 per cent lower. What is so special about 1974, you may ask? That was the year in which the Houghton Committee awarded the teachers a whopping pay rise. Presumably the accountants, electrical engineers and police inspectors were just as furious then that teachers should have drawn level with them. But now the teachers have a cause, and the NUT is encouraging them to walk out.

Yet think back only four years and recall the gigantic pay rise awarded to the teachers by the notorious Clegg Commission on Comparability – 24 per cent, no less. Teachers' earnings seem to fluctuate as violently as those of a riverboat gambler, and despite all these commissions, they are far from high, even today.

This is surprising, because all the comparisons operate strictly in one direction – upwards. If studies show that government flange-inspectors are now earning £25 a week *more* than non-government flange inspectors, their union does not say: "Oh, sorry about that. You'd better knock the 25 quid off our civil service members". The Royal Institute of Chemistry has in fact recently reported that the majority of university chemists are earning up to £3,000 a year more than chemists in industry.

What happens, of course is that the government of the day tries to claw back the damage done by these commissions; it overrides their awards; it pleads a national emergency; it deducts higher pension contributions or freezes the rent *allowances* or the *London weighting*. One way or another, after 10 years or so, most groups of workers find themselves more of less where they started in the pecking order.

A government which discards a comparability system is accused of "muddling through." But it is usually the old system's false pretensions to scientific precision *which stirred up the muddle* in the first place. The comparisons are mostly misleading and always imprecise. You might as well set up a comparability commission for *vegetables: is it right that avocados* should now be 7 per cent dearer than artichokes, when in 1977 they were 2½ per cent cheaper? The market for public servants is highly imperfect; what you *need to* pay to retain sufficient maths teachers is largely a matter of guesswork; but then so is trying to decide what you morally *ought* to pay a maths teacher. The employer has to have a rough idea of the going rate; but after that, it is back to the immemorial haggle of the bazaar – which produces results that are usually more predictable and often fairer than any fancy system. Would the teachers be worse off today if Burnham had never scaled? I doubt it.

Ray Honeyford

Do-gooders doing a disservice

The teacher and the social worker often clash. Why? Because they espouse conflicting theories of the nature of man. The teacher is optimistic; the social worker expects the worst. Typically, the teacher makes demands. He expects the best in work and behaviour; sets standards to which the child is expected to progress; is sceptical of excuses. He respects the child's right to be wrong. If he did not, he would feel the child had been reduced to the level of moral automaton. He encourages aspiration, nurtures proper ambition, rewards effort. Above all he seeks to transmit the necessity to pursue excellence.

The social worker is a professional provider of excuses. He dispenses alibis to the lazy, the loutish and the confused. He consistently mistakes sentimentality for sentiment; indulgence for concern. Whereas the teacher insists the child is to be seen as an individual with mind and will, the social worker perceives only a victim of circumstance. The teacher invests the child with personal attributes such as character, personality, imagination; and daily watches him shape and mould the world to his own, individual blue-print. The *social* worker, product of the generalizations of sociology, employs abstractions to explain behaviour; class, disadvantage, racism, alienation are all grist to the social worker's *determinist mill*.

The agent of state welfare invariably condemns the school for being "middle class"; for reflecting the values of the articulate, the *responsible*, the ambitious. The artisan's son is thereby alienated. The school must replace high culture with the curriculum of the proletariat – bingo, perhaps, the football *pools and* earnest study of the tabloids.

Lenin's words, "Morality must be subordinate to the class sruggle", become a guiding principle. There *must* be stories of broken marriages, unmarried mothers, hire purchase debts and eviction, of big brother in prison and sister eloped with a black man. And all must be transmitted in appropriate language – the argot of the gutter. There must be "understanding" for things; discipline must be eschewed as a class-ridden irrelevance.

The teacher knows better. He knows from direct experience that no one despises such destructive claptrap more than the aspiring working-class parent – who, quite correctly, perceives the instrumental power of submission to the work ethic. Discipline, properly understood, is a recurring theme in the vocabulary of all caring parents – of all who possess the simple natural desire to do their best for their offspring.

It is true of course, that in modern times the middle classes have had a clearer grasp of this than the industrial working class. But the answer is not, as so many social workers appear to think, to despise the possessors of wisdom. Better, surely, to spread the word around. The working classes do not need either patronage or alibis. They need, and deserve, constructive criticism for taking far too long to support their children in achieving the schools' humane goals. They also need guidance to change their ways.

That is one way that social workers could really help. A kick in the parental pants would do far more good for Johnny than condemning the school for expecting the best of him. I have seen far too many able working-class children fail because of their irresponsible parents' failure to cooperate with the school. Such parents have frequently been indulged, if not positively encouraged, by the family's social worker, who, by shifting the burden of guilt from its real location, provides the feckless and the supine with the sickening contemporary mythology of self-justification.

The tragedy of post-war schooling, of course, is the rise of the teacher with the values, outlook and vocabulary of the social worker. He, the left-wing radical teacher, has without doubt been the covert enemy of the *child he professes to* care for; the enemy of self-help for the working-class child. Such a teacher not only betrays children, he betrays his own profession, which makes at least some pretence to being a qualified body of people. A very high proportion of so-called social workers are not qualified at all, and many who are appear to be incompetent. According to recent research by the "professor of social work" at East Anglia University, Martin Davies, a significant proportion of social work students passed as competent by their teachers are, in reality, failed candidates.

The malign influence of the ideolgy of social work on education was well stated many years ago by that great and perceptive commentator, Jacques Barzun, when he said: "The notion of helping a child has in the United Sates displaced that of teaching him. Anyone who tries to preserve the distinction is obviously unhelpful, and is at once known for a declared enemy of youth. The truth is that even apart from its hostility to intellect, systematic coddling is as dangerous as it is impertinent." To "United States" it is now necessary to add "Great Britain".

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TEACHERS' TANTRUMS

The teachers have decided on strike action not only because they see themselves as underpaid, both absolutely and in comparison with other professions but because they feel themselve on that account to be socially undervalued. Injured professional self-esteem has provided the fuel of indignation which has moved the teachers to conduct which, on any normal criterion for professionalism, is unprofessional – even when allowance is made for the maintenance of classes for children being immediately prepared for examination.

Teaching has never attracted entrants by high rates of pay. It has, however, other material compensations, notably job security and long holidays. It also has to be presumed that job-satisfaction is a principal motive for choosing teaching in preference to other work. But, of course, none of these considerations would justify pay that was too low to provide conscientious teachers with a fair living-standard or that failed to attract the right entrants to the profession. The question now is how far the offer refused by the teachers can be regarded as meeting these criteria in all the existing circumstances.

Some teachers are certainly not well remunerated for the effort they put into their work, and for what they do for their pupils in out-of-class activities and long hours of marking after school. For them it can fairly be claimed that long holidays are needed to compensate for long hours and a stressful term. Some (depending on the subject and personal qualifications) are probably paid less than they could get for other work.

On the other hand, other teachers do not have long hours of marking, and may give little time or energy to their pupils beyond their formal duty. Yet their pay is the same as that of harder-working colleagues in the same grade and level, and it is certainly not clear that they could command more money for other work. For all these reasons alone, attempts to compare teachers' pay with that of other professions are folly. There is no such thing as a "just wage" for teachers, any more than there is for any other collectivity, and comparability is a dangerous illusion. The "right" differentials between the pay of (say) a teacher, miner, doctor and physiotherapist could only be imposed by political will and the notion has arbitrary connotations inconsistent with a free society.

Teachers' pay, therefore, must be a matter for commonsense in any particular circumstances. If we could write on a blank sheet, commonsense might suggest that the general level of pay for good teachers (the qualifying adjective is all-important) ought to be higher than it is, not least to encourage more entrants of the right calibre to teaching. But the sheet is not blank, and the calculations have to be done from existing facts. For one thing, the unionization of teachers itself creates an assumption of equality of pay for given grades and levels irrespective of individual merit. It means in practice that pay increases are largely concentrated on a relationship to the going rate of inflation and on the illusion of comparability with other professions rather than on rewards for individual performance.

In the present case, the employers started with an offer of 3 per cent and did not formally raise it to 4.5 per cent until the end of April. The teachers' rhetoric, therefore, has accused the employers of rigidity and used this to justify the strike. Yet the employers appear to have told the teachers' representatives informally at a very early stage that 4.5 per cent would be acceptable, and that 3 per cent remained the formal figure only because the teachers were demanding so much more (12½ per cent, apparently to secure 7½ per cent) that the tendency of arbitrators to split the difference would produce a figure well above the employers' ability to pay.

Even the general increase of 4.5 per cent would strain the ability of employers to pay within budgets that have now already been agreed. They have therefore refused to go to arbitration because they feel that the convention of splitting the difference would lead to a figure for which money could not be found without reducing the number of teachers. This episode, therefore, ought to call into question the basic negotiating conventions. It would perhaps be better if (as in some no-strike agreements in new industries) arbitrators could only come down for one figure or the other instead of splitting the difference. This would tend to encourage each side to produce reasonable figures, each in the hope that its own figure would be accepted.

We now have a strike which punishes pupils in order to put pressure on employers who suffer nothing. Moreover, the maintenance of classes for children with imminent examinations does not help those who lose preparations for future examinations. Of course, there is always a danger that professionalism may be exploited by low pay, but when it is, the best answer is not to strike but for those qualified to do so to go elsewhere. There is no better inducement for an employer to pay more for recruits and quality, as the Government's approach to army and police pay has shown. But in the present case, there is no exploitation.

The figure of 4.5 per cent, which has been accepted by the Scottish teachers and virtually keeps up with the current rate of inflation, ought to be acceptable, not least because teachers' pay has fully kept up with inflation since 1979. Once the present dispute is settled, the way should be clear for a reconsideration of the method of settling teachers' pay and revising pay structure. A system based much more firmly on individual effort and merit, and which takes into account an individual's role in his own particular school's circumstances, is needed. (The qualities required differ with circumstances and those needed for teaching an academic sixth form are not the same as those needed for the difficult classes of an inner city comprehensive).

Sir Keith Joseph, the Secretary of State for Education, is understandably wary, and rightly insists that performance-related money must be determined only by fully professional assessment. That is not easy to achieve, but it should be the object. A good teacher deserves a differential in his or her favour, and it should not be impossible, when this destructive strike is over, to contrive a means of giving it.

TRUE LAUREATE

No doubt all true poets are "much possessed by death", as Eliot said of Webster. John Betjeman certainly was – by its banal and macabre as well as by its eschatological implications. It is not only their picturesqueness which brings churchyards so often into his verse – from Hardy's Mellstock (which he restocked with the brightest and best of his day) to Highgate, (which he postulated as the last resting-place of that heir of the ages, Lupin Pooter). Speculations about the eventual circumstances and nature of that final event which occurred on Saturday (happily at home in his sleep, and not among "inflexible nurses" in a pale green Cottage Hospital) were the motive for several of his best poems.

Some readers who supposed that because the syntax was transparent the poem was also, and some critics, jealous of his popularity, were apt to dismiss him as merely a whimsical celebrator of a cosy past. But if he had been no more that that, he would never have been as popular as he became. It is his popularity which appears the most striking thing about him, in a period when poets have not on the whole had great success in persuading readers that their work is urgent, relevant or fun. Betjeman was a born communicator, an original who judiciously husbanded and developed his originality, and delighted in putting it across to new audiences, whether with the backing of a jazz band or, on television, of a heavy-doored electric train, to the despair of poets who wooed the masses more aggressively and less successfully.

But behind the charm lay a melancholy far more incisive than mere literary gloom, and a realistic assessment of the practical prospects of human nature becoming very much kinder or more sensible. For a man who took a deprecatory satisfaction in dwelling on his own ineffectiveness, he did more than most to promote good sense, especially in hastening the overthrow of that facile contempt for the recent past and for the achievements of the bourgeoisie, which after the war was so rapidly laying waste village, city and suburb with glass and chrome. If his position led him sometimes into an unduly tart disparagement of garden city utopias, they will have to wait for justice till they can breed a Betjeman of their own.

Few could be so rightly endowed for the role of Poet Laureate in the present age, even though his explicitly laureate verse was undeniably weak. He was a living repudiation of the idea that poetry must necessarily be arcane or saturnine, and though he had no more success than any other poet since the Divine Right of Kings fell into disfavour in celebrating royal weddings and nativities without bathos, he did celebrate, with the most lively specificity, a Britain that his readers could recognise and love, while applying a compassionate lash to some of its private and public faults. If the laureateship is to be something more than a gong for the eminent elderly bard, as it should be, and something like a role of National Poet, his approach is the one that a successor is most likely to find rewarding.

A WARNING FOR MARCOS

President Marcos looks as though he will emerge from last Monday's general election in the Philippines shaken but unbowed. Final results for the election to the country's National Assembly will not be known for several days. But it is already evident that despite some blatant ballot rigging by Marcos supporters, opposition parties have done better than anyone – including the opposition itself – expected. The large turn out of anti-Marcos voters has belied the expectations not only of Marcos himself, but also of the more radical opposition groups that called for an election boycott.

The size of the anti-Marcos vote attests to the widespread disillusionment and frustration now felt in the Philippines. There is a growing feeling that the 66 year-old president, who still wields immense power, is losing his touch; and just at a time when the parlous state of the economy calls for clear-headed guidance within the framework of a strong political consensus. Popular resentment is directed not so much at Marcos himself as at the power and influence of his friends and family, especially his wife Imelda.

There have been rumblings of unrest ever since Marcos ended nine years of martial law in 1981; but the event which really undermined popular confidence in him was the assassination last August of the Opposition leader Benigno Aquino at Manila airport. Nothing that the Marcos government has done since then has dispelled the widespread belief that it was implicated in Aquino's murder. And many Filipinos are convinced that even if President Marcos himself did not have a hand in the murder, it could never have taken place had he not been politically and physically ailing.

But President Marcos's staying power is not to be underestimated. Provided his health does not deteriorate, there is no reason to suppose that after 19 years as President he cannot last a few more. Certainly this week's general election should not be taken as a sign that his days are numbered. The National Assembly is a weak, even powerless body, which is one reason why so many opposition leaders, including Benigno Aquino's brother Agapito, have chosen to boycott it. Even if the opposition were to gain a majority in the Assembly, which at this stage seems very unlikely, Marcos would still have the power to override it and to rule by presidential decree. Indeed, he can turn this week's election results to his advantage by arguing that democracy in the Philippines is flourishing, rather than moribund as his sterner critics claim.

There is however a lesson to be learned from the election, and it would be a pity if President Marcos ignored it: that the proper way to ensure political stability in the Philippines, both now and in the future, is to restore a fully functioning democracy, and to give opposition leaders a constructive role to play in the political life of the country. By taking these steps President Marcos could check the growing political polarization which is now pushing more radical opposition groups into cooperation with the Communists' New People's Army. Unlike other Communist movements in South East Asia, the New People's Army is growing rather than dwindling in strength; and until now Marcos's principal method of dealing with it has been the use of military force which can seldom answer – indeed has sometimes exacerbated – the grievances from which the Communists gain sustenance.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Bankers' support for South Africa

From the Dean of King's College London

Sir, For those concerned to see real, as opposed to superficial changes, in South Africa, these are depressing days indeed. One of the most gloomy features of the present time is the comfort that British banks and companies are giving to apartheid.

At the AGM of Standard Chartered on May 10, the chairman told shareholders that the bank had participated in a big loan direct to the South African government for general purposes. Until recently British banks have claimed to be lending only to specific commercial projects. Now money is being lent that can be used, amongst other things, for paying the illegal and immoral army of occupation in Namibia.

At the AGM of Shell Transport and Trading on May 17 (report, May 18) the chairman persistently refused to deny that one of its subsidiaries was selling petrol and oil to the South African forces.

In the next two weeks we will be hearing a great deal about the Normandy landings. At that time, at great cost, this country proved that our society was built on something more than business – it had a moral foundation. Have we as a country so deteriorated in 40 years that we no longer believe in anything but maintaining the rate of dividends?

The South African government have now conceded that two million black people have been relocated in the last 20 years. They admitted an element of force in some removals. Others claim that 3,500,000 black people have been forcibly resettled in that period.

But whether two million or 3,500,000, how much longer are we prepared to go on financing such massive human suffering? And how long are your columnists and leader writers going to put an acceptable face on it?

Yours sincerely,
RICHARD HARRIES (Chairman, End Loans to Southern Africa),
King's College London,
Strand, WC2.
May 18.

Levels of education

From Mr A. H. Cooper

Sir, Having now received the published proposals by the Secretary of State for Education and Science for AS levels and in respect of which there has been comment in the media and support in the correspondence columns of *The Times*, may I voice concern at the hope expressed in para. 31 "that the arrangements for admission to higher education could be adapted so as to give preference to students who have studied a wider range of subjects" and particularly those with combinations of A and AS levels.

If this hope should be realized then it would be the death knell of non-examined general studies which have been developing in many sixth forms and which have enabled schools to generate their own particular interests and pupils to generate an enthusiasm for learning unmotivated by paper qualifications.

Examinations are necessary but they pose a threat to flexibility in education and the exercise of initiative and should not be needlessly imposed. Breadth can be achieved and recognized without formal attestation.

Yours faithfully,
A. H. COOPER, Headmaster,
The King's School,
Macclesfield,
Cheshire.
May 9.

Educating trainees for industry

From the Chairman of Suffolk County Council

Sir, Sir Kenneth Corfield's letter (May 11) was of particular interest to us and no doubt to other education authorities, who are struggling against considerable financial restraints to update our educational system and curriculum in order to provide just the sort of recruits his industry is demanding.

Sadly the Government, although strongly supporting information technology, is only prepared to encourage "training", which it controls through the MSC (Manpower Services Commission), rather than "education" for which local education authorities are responsible under the "benign" supervision of the DES.

The flagrant extravagance of a very few authorities has undermined government confidence in LEAs (local education authorities), which are in general the most responsible of bodies and closely in touch with the needs of their localities.

Nevertheless, the artificial separation of training and education can only restrict the objectives which Sir Kenneth and many others wish to see, since education and training must go hand in hand if we are to see a prosperous Britain in the future.

In our authority we require considerable investment now in hardware and other teaching aids and in training of teachers in their use. If we provide what is necessary we suffer severe financial penalties by the very Government whose objectives are similar to our own. Reform of the system is vital.

Yours faithfully,
ROBIN SHEEPSHANKS,
Chairman, Suffolk County Council,
County Hall,
Ipswich, Suffolk.
May 15.

From the Vice-Chancellor of the Open University

Sir, Sir Kenneth Corfield makes several major points in his letter of May 11. I refer to two of them: firstly, that we are experiencing a shortage of engineers in particular fields and secondly, that the necessary integration of education and training requires a new commission to "look across ... the whole fabric of secondary and tertiary education and training."

During my two years on the Engineering Council under Sir Kenneth's chairmanship I argued that the cuts in university funding of 1981 would lead to fewer engineers graduating, in spite of the University Grants Committee's stated intention of protecting engineering. We are indeed now beginning to experience the effects of those cuts, as the council has recently pointed out.

But this shortage of engineers is not going to be met quickly enough by correction of the UGC's actions of 1981. Our best hope must lie in the further education and retraining of existing engineers (who must be helped to "update" in rapidly changing fields) and in conversion courses for scientists and mathematicians.

The quick, effective and economic way to do this is through "distance learning" and the Open University is already showing the way. We estimate that over 25,000 people have benefited from our short courses on microprocessors, and our graduate courses in manufacturing engineering and the industrial applications of computers will be launched in the autumn.

A new commission of the form that Sir Kenneth seeks would indeed have to look beyond "the sectors governed by the University Grants Committee and the National Advisory Board". Should any such formal body be established, it would have to take full account of the present and future role of the Open University.

Yours faithfully,
J. H. HORLOCK, Vice-Chancellor,
The Open University,
Walton Hall,
Walton,
Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire.

Straw burning

From Mr R. J. Ellis

Sir, From the point of view of being a glider pilot, I am in favour of straw and stubble burning, as these fires are an excellent source of energy for our aeroplanes.

However, if Mr Gourlay (May 15) wishes to cause the minimum inconvenience to the general public, perhaps farmers should stop burning on high atmospheric pressure days. The "temperature inversion" associated with this type of weather traps the smoke and spreads it along the ground, causing maximum nuisance value to all concerned.

A quick call to the weatherman might help the farmers, and our gliders.

Yours sincerely,
R. J. ELLIS,
32 Lyndale Road,
Redhill,
Surrey.

Working needs

From Professor P. J. Drake

Sir, Dr Cramp (May 10) could have referred also to another aspect of the tension between consumer and worker fulfilment.

The division of labour according to process specialization is, as Adam Smith recognized, the prime source of increases in productivity and total output and, hence, of the rises in incomes and supplies which permit workers to enjoy higher standards of consumption.

Simultaneously, however, process specialization denies most workers the satisfaction of practising a distinct skill or making a recognizable product. (As Dr Cramp notes, labour-displacing technical progress causes further de-skilling.)

In the end, there is a conflict between the satisfaction to be derived from high consumption and that to be derived from craft or manufacture.

It might be claimed that the so-called industrial societies have expressed freely, via the market, an overwhelming preference for consumer satisfaction. But that contention needs separate and long discussion.

Yours faithfully,
P. J. DRAKE,
14 Prince Albert Road,
Regent's Park, NW1.

Barristers' monopoly

From Mr Percy Richer

Sir, I am surprised that the Prime Minister should invoke the findings of the Royal Commission on Legal Services in justifying the retention of the barristers' monopoly of advocacy rights in the higher courts.

This was not the case with the solicitors' monopoly of conveyancing which the same commission found was in the public interest to retain.

Such inconsistency does not seem to worry Mrs Thatcher for whom there are clearly monopolies and monopolies.

I am a solicitor and find all monopolies repugnant, if for no other reason than that invariably the public suffers in terms of cost and efficiency. Competition is a great spur.

This applies equally to advocacy. Recourse to a barrister must always be made through a solicitor. Why should a plaintiff or defendant have two dogs barking where one would do? In almost no other country is this extravagant practice countenanced.

Perhaps we shall have to wait for another socialist MP to promote a Tory principle, as Austin Mitchell did when he stole Mrs Thatcher's clothes while she was bathing with his successful attack on the conveyancing monopoly.

Yours faithfully,
PERCY RICHER,
Upton Britton & Lumb,
9 Leigham Hall Parade,
Streatham High Road, SW16.

Nature imperilled on Majorca

From Dr Elspeth Beckett

Sir, Mr Richard Wigg's account ("Letter from Majorca", May 14) of efforts to save Es Trenc in Majorca from would-be developers raises fundamental questions about the relative value of undeveloped versus developed land in financial and recreational terms.

Majorca remains relatively undeveloped in that the visitor in spring, who ventures half a mile inland from the hotel development on the coast, will find a wealth of wild plants now rarely seen in Britain. Fields dominated by the brilliant yellow of the wild chrysanthemum, the blue grape hyacinths, or the shocking-pink wild gladiolus may be inefficient in the economic terms of the farming industry, but are a major attraction to tourists accustomed in their own lands to monoculture crops.

In Majorca orchids are still common (as they were in Britain in the 1930s). A walk along almost any roadside will be rewarded by a large number of species in a countryside mercifully free from the common stinging nettle, and even amidst the concrete half-development surrounding Palma an astonishing wealth of wild plants remains: the diligent plant hunter in Can Pastilla, an urban "tourists' paradise", will find a longer list of species than from our carefully preserved Gower coast.

Majorca is disappearing fast. The Albufera, a paradise of reeds, wild birds and orchids, is now threatened by new development on the adjacent coast, itself notable for species such as *Cistus incanus*, *Halimium halimifolium* and the yellow maritime centaury. A superb area of woodland and maritime heath to the east of Can Picafort is now destroyed by fire and the developers are following fast.

Not all tourists go to Majorca to lie in the sun. The loss to the people of Majorca when they have finished developing their country will be our loss, too. Some of us may move on to some remote Greek island. But how much better if we Europeans, Majorquis and their tourists, could save Majorca before it is too late.

In Britain the Nature Conservancy is under-financed. Perhaps there is a case for more international funding to protect areas enjoyed by tourists of many nations.

Yours faithfully,
ELSPETH BECKETT,
78 St Clements,
Oxford.
May 14.

Teachers' pay claim

From Mr R. J. Brind

Sir, Your report, "Heads fear lasting action" (May 12), may have given the impression that head teachers were alone in their fears of the devastating results of the present situation.

My association, which is pledged never to take strike action, has consistently warned that industrial action generates an atmosphere which is a disincentive for study. Already, here in South Glamorgan, we have had reports of children downing tools, of children who are taking O levels losing all interest in attending school and of teachers refusing to set homework even for those whose future will be determined by examinations next month.

There is no doubt in my mind that teachers have been badly treated. Many are being called on to act in a way that is completely against their professional judgment.

In my school, we constantly encourage children to bring their problems to teachers for arbitration. We believe this is the way to a moral, and just, society. The general public should demand that both the Government and local authorities equally should do all within their power to resolve this dispute according to moral and just principles.

Yours faithfully,
R. J. BRIND, Secretary,
South Glamorgan Federation,
Professional Association of Teachers,
6 Lynch Blosse Close,
Llandaff,
Cardiff, South Glamorgan.
May 14.

Roots of damage

From Professor J. B. Burland

Sir, The problem of damage due to the action of the roots of trees does not require legislation, as urged by Brian Lingard (April 27). What is needed is an informed application of the technical advice that is already available by all parties – property owners, surveyors, architects, civil engineers, building societies and insurers.

A vicious circle has developed with respect to building damage caused by subsidence and heave. On the one side the home owner fears that, even for minor cracking, his property will be blighted, while on the other side the professional fears that unless he recommends major remedial measures he is liable to be sued for professional negligence.

The situation has fed on itself, having been triggered initially by the introduction in 1971 of subsidence cover by the insurance companies without any qualification on the severity of the damage. This was closely followed by the 1976 drought and by certain rulings by the Court of Appeal in relation to the duty of care of local authorities.

Very few buildings exist without some forms of cracking. However, the term "subsidence damage" has become so emotive that it has resulted in a vast amount of costly repair work and wholesale tree felling for what is often only minor damage.

Two important guidance documents have been published recently which could go a long way to remedying the present situation. They are *Building Research Establishment Digest 251, Assessment of Damage in Low-rise Buildings* (HMSO) and BS 5837 *Code of Practice for Trees in Relation to Construction*. Both these documents were produced after extensive consultation with the professional bodies involved.

I urge that before embarking on expensive repair work and tree felling (and possible consequential litigation) these documents be studied. The findings of another recent court case (*Bluitt and Another v Woodspring District Council*, May, 1982) should also be noted. In this a local authority was held not to be liable for the cost of underpinning as the damage was only slight and the progression of movement had not been monitored.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BURLAND,
Imperial College of Science and Technology,
Department of Civil Engineering,
Imperial College Road, SW7.
April 27.

Choice for unions

From Mr J. W. West

Sir, In your leading article, "Corporatist epitaph" (May 7), you pointed out that Labour ministers and trade union leaders had reduced the rights of individual trade unionists and deprived them of legal protection from exclusion or expulsion from a union.

In *The Times* of May 12, Woodrow Wyatt dwelt on related evils of the closed shop.

The situation would be ameliorated, though by no means wholly cured, if the law were to enact that where there is a closed shop the union concerned *must* grant membership to any person requiring it in order to obtain or retain employment, and that any such person willing to pay the appropriate subscription on demand would be deemed to be a member of the union.

Unions would then have a clear choice. Either they could forgo the closed shop and be free to pick and choose their members, or they could have a closed shop and surrender their right to pick and choose their members.

What is surely utterly wrong is that the unions should be able to say that a person must belong to the union and at the same time to have the right to deny that person membership or, if he has it, to withdraw it from him. That is to give the unions the best of both worlds with a vengeance.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN W. WEST,
La Puette,
La Ville Danet,
Paimpont,
35380 Plélan-le-Grand,
France.
May 14.

Mr Jenkin's proposals

From the Leader of the West Yorkshire Metropolitan County Council

Sir, I write to comment on the latest press statement from Patrick Jenkin, Environment Secretary, announcing further details of his proposal to abolish the six metropolitan county councils and the GLC. Just to make sure that the details offered weren't treated as a joke he announced that everyone now knows that he is serious about the proposal.

The reality, of course, is that the further details are a joke. Rather than clarifying the picture as to what lies ahead, Mr Jenkin's announcement only serves to confuse.

In his earlier White Paper he created uncertainty by suggesting that district councils might be allowed to opt out of joint board arrangements, to run their own public transport services. Now he extends the uncertainty by suggesting that district councils might be allowed to opt out of joint board arrangements, to run their own police forces and fire brigades.

Is this a carrot with which he hopes to tempt district councils to join him on the primrose path? Does this mean we could have 10 different police forces in Greater Manchester or seven different fire brigades in the West Midlands? What about the economies of scale that would be lost? To break up these services between the district councils and at the same time keep costs down to present levels would involve a drastic cut in service standards.

Patrick Jenkin has plans to confuse and confound the town planning profession as well. His White Paper has been criticized for the proposal to fragment structure planning responsibilities between the 36 metropolitan district councils. This fragmentation weakens the scope for county-wide or conurbation-wide planning.

Now, to compound the folly of this move, he is to make the residents of the metropolitan counties second-class citizens by emasculating the planning system to be operated in our major urban areas. He calls it "simplifying". But then he called his White Paper proposals "streamlining".

Yours faithfully,
JOHN GUNNELL, Leader,
West Yorkshire Metropolitan County Council,
County Hall,
Wakefield, West Yorkshire.
May 8.

Short cut in Whitehall

From Mr John F. Avery Jones

Sir, You reported (May 11) that Lord Gowrie, when sending the staff of the Cabinet Office a booklet on plain English, ended his letter: "Make plain English the MPO style". Will he now ask the author of the booklet to add a section prohibiting the use of abbreviations by civil servants?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN AVERY JONES,
Flat 9,
7 Cleveland Gardens, W2.

COURT AND SOCIAL

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KENSINGTON PALACE
May 20: The Prince of Wales, Patron, The Royal Opera, accompanied by The Princess of Wales this evening attended a Concert, given in aid of the Royal Opera House development Appeal and the Royal Opera House Trust, by Luciano Pavarotti, at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden.

Lieutenant-Commander Peter Eberle, RN, and Mrs George West were in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 19: The Duke of Kent, President of the Football Association, and The Duchess of Kent were present at the Cup Final which was held at Wembley Stadium this afternoon.

Captain Charles Blount and Miss Sarah Partridge were in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 20: The Duke of Kent, as President, accompanied by The Duchess of Kent, this evening unveiled the Fred Perry Gates and statue at the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Wimbledon.

Sir Richard Buckley and Mrs David Napier were in attendance.

A memorial service for Mr W. G. F. John will be held today at noon at St Margaret's, Westminster.

A requiem Mass for Edward McHale will be celebrated at the Church of Our Most Holy Redeemer and St Thomas More, Cheyne Row, Chelsea on Friday, May 25, at 2.30 pm.

Forthcoming marriages

The Hon Michael D. Kadoorie and Miss B. Tamayo
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Lord and Lady Kadoorie, of Hongkong, and Betty, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. E. Tamayo, of Coral Gables, Florida.

Mr J. F. McVerry and Miss C. S. M. Swan
The engagement is announced between John, son of Dr and Mrs F. J. McVerry, of The Morrings, Dukes Ride, Crowthorne, Berkshire, and Catherine, third daughter of Dr Conrad Swan, MVO, PhD, FSA, York Herald of Arms, and Lady Hilda Swan, of Boxford House, Boxford, Suffolk.

Mr P. Ashworth and Miss S. A. Tanner
The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr and Mrs K. Ashworth, of Saddleworth, Yorkshire, and Sally Ann, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J. F. I. Tanner, of Mossley, Lancashire.

Dr. P. M. Blair-Fish and Miss J. A. Armstrong
The engagement is announced between Peter, elder son of Canon and Mrs J. C. Blair-Fish, of Chipstead, Surrey, and Julie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs W. Armstrong, of Broughty Ferry, Tayside.

Mr T. Budden and Miss J. Shaw
The engagement is announced between Timothy, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Derek Budden, of Oxshott, and Joanna, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs John Shaw, of Leatherhead.

Mr J. O. Clarke and Miss J. M. Grieve
The engagement is announced between John Owen, elder son of the late Dr Owen Clarke and Mrs Katherine Clarke, of Orchard Cottage, 55 Nunnery Fields, Canterbury, Kent, and Julia Mary, daughter of Colonel and Mrs Gordon Grieve, of Murrayfield, Lockerbie, Dumfriesshire.

Mr H. C. Garforth-Bles and Miss C. D. Clarke
The engagement is announced between Hugh, younger son of Mr and Mrs M. W. Garforth-Bles, of Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire, and Carolyn, younger daughter of Commander and Mrs R. T. Clarke, of Bere Regis, Dorset.

Mr N. P. H. Hadlow and Miss G. D. Booth
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of Major and Mrs Gerald Hadlow, of Steyning, Chichester, West Sussex, and Denise, eldest daughter of Mr Brian Booth, of Higham, Kent, and the late Mrs Elizabeth Booth.

Mr M. D. Harding and Miss S. J. McGill
The engagement is announced between Mark, elder son of Mr and Mrs B. J. Harding, of Beckenham, Kent, and Susan, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs F. L. McGill, of Ewell, Surrey.

Mr R. S. Jeffrey and Miss M. B. Roach
The engagement is announced between Richard Stephen, only son of Mr and Mrs Alex Jeffrey, of Arkley, Hertfordshire, and Marion Bernadette, daughter of Mr and Mrs Jack Roach, of Castle Bromwich, Birmingham.

Mr J. I. Hadfield and Miss L. B. A. McKinney
The engagement is announced between James Innes, son of Mr and Mrs D. I. Hadfield, of Mellow Farm, Dockenfield, Farnham, Surrey, and Letitia, daughter of Mr and Mrs E. McKinney, of Londonderry.

Mr G. Di Nunzio and Miss A. C. Gethyn-Jones
The engagement is announced between Giampaolo, third son of Signor and Signora Francesco Di Nunzio, of Milan, and Angela Caroline, daughter of Canon and Mrs J. E. Gethyn-Jones, of Berkeley, Gloucestershire.

Mr G. M. Otto and Dr A. D. Stubbs
The engagement is announced between Glenn Martyn, elder son of the late Captain Birley Otto, of Paris, Ontario, and of Mrs Joan Brewster, of Moraire, Spain, and Alison Dawn, only daughter of Dr and Mrs John Stubbs, of Oxford.

Mr I. G. Swan and Miss F. E. Blake
The engagement is announced and the marriage will take place shortly between Ian Gordon, son of Mr and Mrs G. Swan of Theydon Bois, Essex, and Fiona Elizabeth, daughter of Major and Mrs T. S. C. Blake, of Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

Dr P. R. Scholl and Dr G. Bates
The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr William Scholl, of the Isle of Man, and of Mrs Barbara Beilby, of Woodstock, and Georgina, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Bates, of Elstree, Hertfordshire.

Birthdays today

Mr R. W. Adam, 61; Lord Clydesmuir, 67; Professor G. H. J. Daysh, 83; Baron Guy de Rothschild, 75; Mr Malcolm Fraser, CH, 54; Mr Felix Greene, 75; Mr Leonard Manasseh, 68; Lord Maxwell, 65; Dr Leonard Mullins, 66; Mr Forbes Robinson, 58; Dr Andrei Sakharov, 63; Mr R. R. Welch, 55; Mr Desmond Wilcox, 53; Lord Willoughby de Broke, 88; the Right Rev S. M. Wood, 65.

Dodderhill School

The Governors of Dodderhill School, Droitwich, Worcestershire, are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Ian U. Andersson, to be headmaster from Michaelmas Term 1984. Mr Andersson is at present Headmaster at the High School, Fakenham, Norfolk.

St John's College, Oxford

The 1983 College Notes were sent out during April to all old members of St John's College, Oxford, for whom the college has correct addresses. If any old member of the college has not received a copy, the college secretary will, on application, send him/her one and see that his/her correct address is added to the college's address records.

Service luncheon

The Royal Welch Fusiliers
A luncheon for members of the Royal Welch Fusiliers Officers Association and their ladies was held at Searcy's on Saturday. Brigadier A C Vivian, Colonel of the Regiment, presided.

Dinners

Lady Maclean
Lord Maclean, Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and Lady Maclean entertained at dinner on Saturday at the Palace of Holyroodhouse. The guests were:
The Duke and Duchess of Argyll, Lieutenant-Colonel Lord and Lady Charteris of Amisfield, The Dean of the Chapel Royal in Scotland and Mrs Barbour, General Sir Michael and Lady Gow, Sir Donald and Lady Cameron of Lochiel, Captain Iain and Lady Margaret Tennant, Major and Mrs Charles Murray, Mr and Mrs J M Raisman, the Very Rev Dr and Mrs William B Johnston.

Among the guests at dinner yesterday were:
The Earl and Countess of Elgin, the Earl and Countess of Stair, the Earl and Countess of Aylesford, Lord and Lady Home of Hirsel, Lord and Lady MacLehose of Beoch, Lieutenant-Colonel and the Hon Mrs A M Lyle, Mr John MacKay, MP, and Mrs MacKay and the Rev James and Mrs Weatherhead.

Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh
The President of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh, Dr R. H. Girdwood, and fellows of the college held a dinner party on Saturday in honour of the Minister of Health, Burma, Heu Tun Wai.

Clifford Longley

Catholic Church's solemn silence on birth control

The Duke of Norfolk has returned to the charge against the Roman Catholic Church's official teaching on birth control, saying in an article in *The Tablet* what he said to *The Times* two weeks ago (May 5) and to a conference of Roman Catholic teachers a week before: that the teaching was "nonsense".

It is evidently not a campaign on his part, as each time he repeats it he puts it in a context designed to take the sting out of it, his own comprehensive review of the present state of the church of which he is England's senior layman. In such a review not to refer to it would be suppression, as it is an important issue. Each time he also raises a dozen others, but they tend not to attract the headlines.

The contraception issue is the Achilles heel of the Roman Catholic Church, rendering it slightly lame. The general treatment prescribed by Catholic hierarchies the world over is to keep it well bandaged and avoid putting stress on the sore spot, in the hope that in time the patient will forget it is there.

Official Catholic activity on the subject of birth control is now almost wholly given over to a damage control exercise, and in such quarters the Duke of Norfolk's stirring of controversy is no more nor less welcome than the Pope's: that is to say, just as embarrassing.

There was solemn episcopal silence last autumn when the Pope equated the use of contraception to "the denial that God is God". This elevation of the issue to the first rank of church dogma was challenged by the novelist Graham Greene, who said (in a letter to *The Tablet* last November): "One can only hope that he has been clumsily or incorrectly reported".

It is no doubt a coincidence that both he and the duke are trustees of *the Tablet*, and both happen to agree with its editor's stance on the issue. An editorial in December called the Pope's speech "extreme", deplored the timidity of bishops who did not make their thoughts public, and said the speech detracted from the "great promise of the papacy". There was, it is said, "not a squeak from any bishop" in response to this forthright comment.

It is significant that the recent long statement from the bishops of England and Wales on the controversy concerning contraceptives for under-age girls, nowhere was any reference made to the alleged "intrinsic evil" of contraception as such. All the other aspects of the moral issue was dealt with exhaustively.

It was a remarkable silence. The bishops do not wish to be seen to be out of step with the Pope on this matter, nor do they wish to be seen to be in step. Cardinal Basil Hume's book, *To be a Pilgrim*, was said by him at its launch to represent "where I stand in 1983", and can therefore be judged (and has been judged, very favourably) as representing his thoughts on all he thinks matters. There is no mention of this issue in it.

Nor is he alone: he has a "consensus of silence" behind him. American cardinals do not mention it; French cardinals do not mention it; German cardinals do not mention it.... It rather seems that the Pope is out on a limb.

As Archbishop of Cracow, he is said to have been extremely influential behind the scenes with Pope Paul VI at the time the 1968 encyclical *Humanae Vitae* was being written: in short, he won the argument. It is believed his immediate predecessor, then Cardinal Luciano, was, ironically, active on the other side of the argument at the time.

As far as can be judged, such support as there is for the teaching of *Humanae Vitae* comes at a rather mystical, highly idealized, level: it is suggested that the church's instincts are in the long run often proved sound, even if their expression may from time to time emphasise some aspect slightly off the main point.

The teaching is thus occasionally represented as being against the "contraceptive mentality", whatever that is, or as being "pro-life, again undefined. But the essence of *Humanae Vitae* is the concept of intrinsic evil in every sexual act where contraception is used, and is only concerned with subjective good intention in order to dismiss it as no excuse.

Thus papal teaching, in the encyclical and in the contemporary ministry of Pope John Paul II, is that the use of artificial birth control is a grave sin; and judging by its behaviour, the rest of the church, from the most senior downwards, does not agree.

The real issue is not about sexual morality at all, but the continuing imbalance in the relationship between the papacy and the remainder of the church, where one opinion (because it is the Pope's) prevails over all others in the formation of public teaching. It is an item already on the agenda, being the key issue in all the other churches' ecumenical dealings with Rome, and if things do not change, the inevitable obstacle to their success.

Inside the Roman Catholic Church itself, this imbalance is well perceived but little has been done to correct it. It may be the sort of impasse which only a dramatic crisis will shift, and of the available candidates, a new papal encyclical against birth control, but this one deemed "infallible", is not the least likely.

A pope who raises the stakes by equating contraception with atheism, may yet raise them again, putting the entire church to the test.



Mr Harold Walker (second left), Deputy Speaker of the Commons, being congratulated by the Speaker, Mr Bernard Weatherill, after his marriage to Miss Mary Griffin, a lawyer, of Wimbledon, at the Crypt Chapel, Westminster, on Saturday. Among the guests were Mr Paul Dean, MP (left) and Mr Ernest Armstrong, MP

Marriages

Captain Sir Andrew Ogilvy-Wedderburn, Bt. and Miss G. M. Adderley
The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of St Peter and St Paul, Pickering, North Yorkshire, of Captain Sir Andrew Ogilvy-Wedderburn, Bt, The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment), son of Lady Ogilvy-Wedderburn, of Alyth, Perthshire, and of the late Commander Sir Peter Ogilvy-Wedderburn, and Miss Gillian Adderley, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Richard Adderley, of Pickering, North Yorkshire. Canon Geoffrey Lawn officiated and the Rev Kenneth MacVicar gave an address.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Duncan Campbell, Christian Gaskell, Jamie and Arabella Thewes, Kirsty Luard, Marina and Alexandra de Blonay and Miss Georgina Campbell. A guard of honour was found by officers of The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) and Captain John Monteith was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride

Sir Kenneth Preston and Mrs V. E. Dumont
The marriage took place on May 17 of Sir Kenneth Preston and Mrs V. E. Dumont.

Mr N. D. J. Bundy and Miss P. Ritchie Calder
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Olave's, Hart Street, of Mr Nicholas Bundy, son of Mr and Mrs David Bundy, of Sevenoaks, Kent, and Miss Penny Ritchie Calder, daughter of the Hon Nigel and Mrs Calder, of Crawley, West Sussex. The Rev L. E. M. Claxton officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Victoria Campbell Boreham and Mr David Byles was best man.

Dr D M Ratcliffe and Miss A Wilson
The marriage took place on Saturday at Christ Church, Esher, Surrey, of Dr David Ratcliffe, son of Mr and Mrs M Ratcliffe, of 440 Ombersley Road, Worcester, and Miss Annika Wilson, daughter of Sir David and Lady Wilson, of Tandem House, Queen's Drive, Oxshott, Surrey. The Rev Clive Cohen officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by James, Archibald, Kristina and Charlotte Wilson and Mrs Jarvis-Bicknell. Mr Bronek Ciezarek was best man.

Mr N. E. Wicks and Miss J. R. Collett
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Mary, The Boltons, Kensington, of Mr Nigel Wicks, elder son of Mr and Mrs M. E. Wicks, and Miss Joanna Collett, only daughter of the late David Seymour Collett and of Lady Miskin and stepdaughter of Sir James Miskin, QC. The Rev Gary Davies officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her stepfather, was attended by Alexandra Collett, Fiona Ward and Mrs Roger Bowden. Mr Alan Underwood was best man.

Mr I. Buckley Sharp and Mrs H. Kemble-Clarkson
The marriage took place in London on Thursday, May 17, between Mr Ian Buckley Sharp and Mrs Hebe Kemble-Clarkson.

Mr J. T. D. Gardom and Miss J. A. Edgoose
The marriage took place on May 19, 1984, in the Chapel of the Saints and Martyrs of Africa, Cyrene School, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, between Mr James Theodore Douglas Gardom, son of the Rev Francis and Mrs Gardom, of Greenwich, London, and Miss Judith Ann Edgoose, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Edgoose, of Aldershot, Hampshire.

Mr J. S. E. Hoseason and Miss A. M. Dunne
The marriage took place on Saturday, May 12 at the Church of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Lowestoft, between Mr Jonathan Hoseason, eldest son of Mr and Mrs James Hoseason, of Gillingham, Norfolk, and Miss Annabel Dunne, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs John Dunne, of Lowestoft, Suffolk. Father A. A. Tomlinson officiated and concelebrated nuptial Mass with Father Peter Cansdale.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by her twin sister, Mrs Jane Muir Wright, and her nieces, Clare and Joanna Ashe. Mr Julian Hoseason was best man.

A reception was held at the Royal Norfolk and Suffolk Yacht Club.

Mr M. L. Powell and Miss T. C. Schoonmaker
The marriage took place on Saturday, May 19 at the Church of the Holy Cross, Avening, Gloucestershire of Mr Michael Latham Powell and Miss Thelma Colbert Schoonmaker, daughter of Mr and Mrs Bertram Schoonmaker.

OBITUARY

SIR JOHN BETJEMAN

Poet and missionary for our cultural heritage

Sir John Betjeman, CBE, CLit, Poet Laureate since 1972 and a man known to a wide public not just for his poetry, but for his impish personality, his advocacy of Victorian architecture and his campaigns to defend threatened buildings, died on May 19 at the age of 77.

His volumes of poetry enjoyed, for their time, unprecedented sales, and for many years his opinions and mannerisms had been widely known through public appearances. Yet, great as was the undoubted affection in which he was held by a large public which cherished his personality as much as his poetry, he was not an easy figure to fit into any recognized category of literature or of public life. The amusedly self-deprecating view he took in public of his own literary work suggests a whimsical attitude towards himself that undoubtedly contributed to his public image, but it may well have limited his overall achievement.

Betjeman was a true original who was content to pose as an eccentric. The pose, which was both thorough and charming, masked a deeply felt passion for fine qualities in poetry and architecture, and a remarkable poetic gift.

Betjeman was born in 1906, the only child of Ernest Betjemann (the family later dropped the second n), a manufacturer of luxury furnishings who expected his son to succeed him in the old-established family business. His long blank-verse autobiography, *Summoned by Bells*, describes his childhood in a prosperous Highgate home (the topography of the London suburbs always had a particular appeal for him), and his unhappy schooldays at Marlborough, followed by his uninhibited enjoyment of undergraduate life at Magdalen College, Oxford, in the mid-Twenties. He left Oxford in 1928, without a degree, having failed (ironically, since religion was his mainstay throughout life) to pass a qualifying examination in Divinity. He was on bad terms with his tutors, but others in the University soon detected the uniqueness of his personality, and he formed friendships that stimulated his enthusiasms – particularly for Victoriana – and his talents, especially for the comic and the poetic, which developed rapidly during his undergraduate career.

He found himself congenial work at the *Architectural Review*, and during the following decade established himself as an independent critic of current architectural trends. A long and angry tract, *Ghastly Good Taste* (1933), forcefully argued and wittingly illustrated, brought vividly before the public his hatred of the merely conventional in architecture, and his hostility alike to mere antiquarianism and to modernism for its own sake. From an early age he had been unusually well informed about then unfashionable Victorian and provincial buildings, and he had a gift for discovering notable edifices – such as Nonconformist meeting-houses – in unexpected places. *Ghastly Good Taste* was followed in 1938 by *An Oxford University Chest*, an original medley of its author's opinions on Oxford – the civic and industrial, as well as the academic, city.

Betjeman's appreciation of the Victorian architectural achievement, at its critical nadir when he started publishing on the subject, did much to help its re-establishment as part of the main British artistic tradition, and his vigorous advocacy, so very well informed, balanced the systematic recordings of the late Sir Nikolaus Pevsner, and greatly helped to produce the atmosphere in which the Victorian Society could be launched on its successful career. He was particularly sensitive to the threat posed by "urban development", whether planned or unplanned, and was a member of the Royal Fine Art Commission and of the Royal Commission on Historical Monuments. His provincial predilections as an architectural historian showed themselves in his several contributions to the Shell County Guides, most importantly, that on his beloved Cornwall, which he had loved since childhood: for Betjeman, nostalgia and information went hand in hand.

He was much attached also to the Irish landscape, with its attractively neglected mansions and soft atmosphere of decay, and his feelings for Ireland and the Irish were deepened by a period in Dublin as United Kingdom Press Attaché during the war (when he was also employed in the Ministry of Information and in civilian work for the Admiralty). It was during this period that Betjeman's poetry first began to attract popular attention. *Mount Zion* (1932) and *Continual Dew* (1937) had enjoyed only a limited circulation, although they contain many of his best known and most widely remembered pieces. *Old Lights for New Chancels* (1940) appealed to a larger public, and its success was followed by that of *New Bats in Old Belfries* (1945) and *A Few Late Chrysanthemums* (1954). When his *Collected Poems* first appeared in 1958, the book was a best seller and went through several editions over the years, the 1970 revision including poems from *High and Low* which had appeared in 1966. He was awarded the Duff Cooper Memorial Prize, the Foyle Poetry Prize, and in 1960 The Queen's Medal for Poetry.

That so sophisticated a poet should have won for himself so large an audience was not altogether surprising, though the appeal of his verse to the general public may have lain not so much in the deeper qualities of his poetry, its occasional beauty and pathos, as in the ingenuity and easiness of its rhythms and rhymes, its peculiar wit, and the odd, Hardyesque angles from which he viewed life and turned it to his poetic purposes. Love of landscape (for the topographical element was as strong in his poetic sensibility as in his architectural work), the fear of death, his religious and ecclesiastical ardour, nostalgia for his childhood, recollection of calf-love, and his keen appreciation of social absurdities – his expression of these feelings in his verse conveyed (and endeared) to his readers a rich and, in the true sense, humorous personality.

After the war, broadcasting and television gave Betjeman the opportunity of projecting this personality even more widely, and his frequent appearances made him a familiar and much-loved figure. Television viewers came to know both his worried expression and his well-controlled diffidence of speech, as well as his unrestrained laughter at any absurdity. His popularity as a public figure, whimsical, imprudent, shrewd, humorous, disarming, always something of an *enfant terrible*, may have inhibited his development as a writer, but as a human being it left him entirely unspoilt. It may be said of him that if he never quite grew up he never grew old (even during the long illness of his final years). He remained to a large and variegated circle and devoted friends a charming and unexpected companion.

Betjeman's devotion to the Church of England was entire, not least to its diversity and oddities. Beneath his drolleries and melancholy appearance lay a discerning apologist for the established church of whose manners and modes, particularly until a mood of rapidly modernizing change came recently to dominate its counsels, he was an engaging champion. His High-Church Anglican faith was not an untroubled one, however, and there is a deeply-seated apprehension, not least about old age and the after-life, to be seen in his religious poetry. Much of his special feeling for the Church of England is to be found in his long introduction to his *Collins Guide to English Parish Churches*, also a best seller, in which he gives a splendidly imaginative recreation of its worship, buildings and clergy over the centuries, spiced with warm feeling, with wit and irony, and instinct with faith. An inscription he found hanging in a Somerset church, "To God's glory and the Honor of the Church of England 1782" inspired him in the compilation of the *Guide*, and might well serve to illustrate his personal creed.

In 1972 the choice of John Betjeman to succeed C. Day Lewis as Poet Laureate was a popular one. Although his writings as Laureate mainly reflect the difficulties and embarrassments of writing ceremonial verse, the post was a fitting recognition of his poetic achievement and his public standing. He continued to produce poetry, including *A Nip in the Air* (1974) and *Uncollected Poems* (1982), which drew on earlier work of high quality as well as some occasional pieces arising from his official duties. His architectural interests in later years bore fruit in several anthologies of old photographs, particularly of his beloved railway scenery. He continued to the end a regular signatory of appeals for the preservation of threatened buildings, which though necessarily frequent never lacked in force or strong personal concern against destructive philistinism.

His life long passion for the railways received apt acknowledgement last year in the naming of a London, Midland Region locomotive after him and the poet by this time in a wheelchair, was at St Pancras Station for the unveiling ceremony. A special "Betjeman Pulman" travelled from London to Bedford and back to mark the occasion.

He was made CBE in 1960, was appointed a Companion of Literature by the Royal Society of Literature in 1968, and was knighted in 1969. He was an honorary fellow of his old college, Magdalen, and also (particularly appropriately for its architectural and Anglican connotations) of Keble College, Oxford.

Betjeman married, in 1933, Penelope Valentine Hester, only daughter of Field-Marshal Lord Chetwode, OM, formerly Commander-in-Chief in India. Lady Betjeman, herself a writer of travel books and a student of Indian culture, survives him, with a son and a daughter of the marriage.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy
CAPTAINS: C Grant as Faculty Adviser NATO Defence Coll Rome, Aug 27; C A Hopkinson for duty inside MOD(PE) with DCW/DGSS and as Director Suface Ships Grp C, June 14; D Pentreath, NEPTUNE in Cmd and as Cdre and port Cdre Faslane to serve in the rank of Cdre, Oct 16; G M Tullis DARTMOUTH in Cmd as Capt Britannia Royal Naval Coll, Sept 4.
COMMANDERS: M F Clarke, as MA to H/E the Governor of Gibraltar, Nov 27; K J C Day, for duty inside MOD with DCW, Sept 14; M F G Emary, for Staff of CINCFLEET and as FMCDO, Sept 18; T H Green, for duty inside MOD with DN Plans, May 29; P J King, for duty on the staff of COMNAVSOUTH and as ACOS(C) granted acting higher rank of Captain, Sept 27; T M Le Marchand, for duty inside MOD as NA to First Sea Lord, Sept 3; B Leighton, GLAMORGAN addl and as Supply Offr, Aug 21; R H S Thomson, as N A Tokyo to continue to hold the Actg higher rank of Capt, Aug 6.
CHAPLAIN: G W Craig, DRAKE addl, July.
RETIREMENTS
ARCHDEACON: R H Roberts, Aug 6.
CAPTAINS: D J Bradby; J W F Briggs; C K K Brown; C J Caughey; N B M Clack; A J Dunn; M A Jones all July 7; B R Outhwaite, June 1; T G A Ram, July 7; A Short, July 7.
COMMANDERS: A M Bruce, Aug 11; J M Lee, July 11; B W Miller, June 2; C T Stoner, July 6.
SURGEON COMMANDER: P S Ormerod, July 10.
CHAPLAIN: J P Hudson, July 17.

The Army
BRIGADIER: M R Lee, 2 Inf Bde as Comd, May 21.
COLONELS: G C Verdon, BLO C & E USA, May 28; G Hyd, MOD as Col, May 21; M D Regan, MOD as Col MS, May 21.
LIEUTENANT-COLONELS: G Bulloch Queens, MOD as SO1; D K Cullens RAEC, Army Ed Svcs UK as SO1; P Devanny R Signals, SHAPE as TOT; J V Fielding R Signals, MOD as SO1(W); S A S Hill Para, 3 Yorks as CO; P C C Kaye RH, RARDE as SO1(W); D P de Morgan 7GR, MOD as SO1 MS; P M Williams RMP HQ UKLF as APM, all May 21.
Retirement
Brig K A Berresford ADC late RAOC, May 22.

Royal Air Force
GROUP CAPTAINS: M P Crotty to RAF Stafford as OC, May 21; R L Joyce to Saudi Arabia as Deputy Commander UK MOD Team, May 28.
WING COMMANDERS: D J Forbes to RAF Lyneham as OC Supply Sqn, May 21; D J Taylor to RAF Akrotiri as OC Eng Wg, May 25; M C Glen to HQ STC EC & PL, May 30; J R Ingamells to MTS Dryad on DS, May 21; R B Cash to MOD CVE DIS, May 21; J A Carter to HQ RAF Germany as ORG1, May 21; S W Richards to RAF Binbrook as OCAW, May 21; R C C Parkinson to School of Catering Aldershot as OC, May 21.
SQUADRON LEADER (with acting rank of wing commander): T D Perry to HQ AAFCE as Ch Ops Res, May 25.

Luncheons

Lady Maclean
Lord Maclean, Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, and Lady Maclean, entertained at luncheon on Saturday at the Palace of Holyroodhouse. The guests were:
The Secretary of State for Scotland and the Hon Mrs Younger, the Very Rev Dr J Fraser and Mrs McLuskey, the Duke and Duchess of Hamilton and Brandon, Captain Alexander Ramsay of Mar and Lady Saltoun, the Earl and Countess of Airlie, the Right Rev Michael and Mrs Mann, Sir Arthur and Lady Eliott of Stobs, the Rev Douglas and Mrs Aitken, Mr and Mrs J A M Mitchell and the Solicitor General for Scotland and Mrs Fraser.

Among the guests for luncheon yesterday were:
The Duke and Duchess of Argyll, Lieutenant-Colonel Lord and Lady Charteris of Amisfield, General Sir Michael and Lady Gow, Sir Donald and Lady Cameron of Lochiel, Captain Iain and Lady Margaret Tennant, the Dean of the Chapel Royal in Scotland and Mrs Barbour, Viscount Muirshiel, Lady Birsay, Mr and Mrs David Graham-Campbell, the Rev Gillesbuig and Mrs Macmillan, the Solicitor General for Scotland and Mrs Fraser.

Science report

Exhaust fumes link with acid rain

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The most important culprit in the controversy over acid rain has been overlooked, according to Mr Frank Illingworth, a chemist with something of a reputation for overturning established notions.

His latest conclusion is outlined in a letter in *Chemistry in Britain*, the journal of the Royal Society of Chemistry. It explains a simple sequence of chemical reactions to account for the events in the atmosphere forming the acidic molecules that cause rain which damages trees and plants, and lends to corrosion.

Mr Illingworth does not exonerate the sulphur dioxide fumes from coal-burning power stations and other industrial chimneys. But the real enemy, he says, is the increase in another substance in the atmosphere which provides a catalyst for converting sulphur dioxide to sulphur trioxide, a strong acid gas.

That substance is the family of nitrogen oxides, and they come from the exhausts of cars and from burning liquid and gaseous fuels.

His proposition about acid rain derives from trying to reconcile the fact that in almost 30 years since the Clean Air Act the use of coal giving out low moisture content waste gases has been cut by half. Simultaneously there has been an enormous rise in the combustion of petrol, other liquid and gaseous fuels with double the amount of water produced in their waste gases.

In addition to the porportion of moisture, the other feature alleged to worsen the acid rain formation are the nitrogen oxides of the fumes.

Mr Illingworth says: "Those of us who learnt our chemistry in the days of the lead chamber sulphuric acid processes will remember that oxides of nitrogen were the catalysts for converting sulphur dioxide to sulphur trioxide.

"Instead of pointing the finger at power stations, give consideration to increased usafe of petroleum liquid and gaseous fuels as the real villian of the piece."

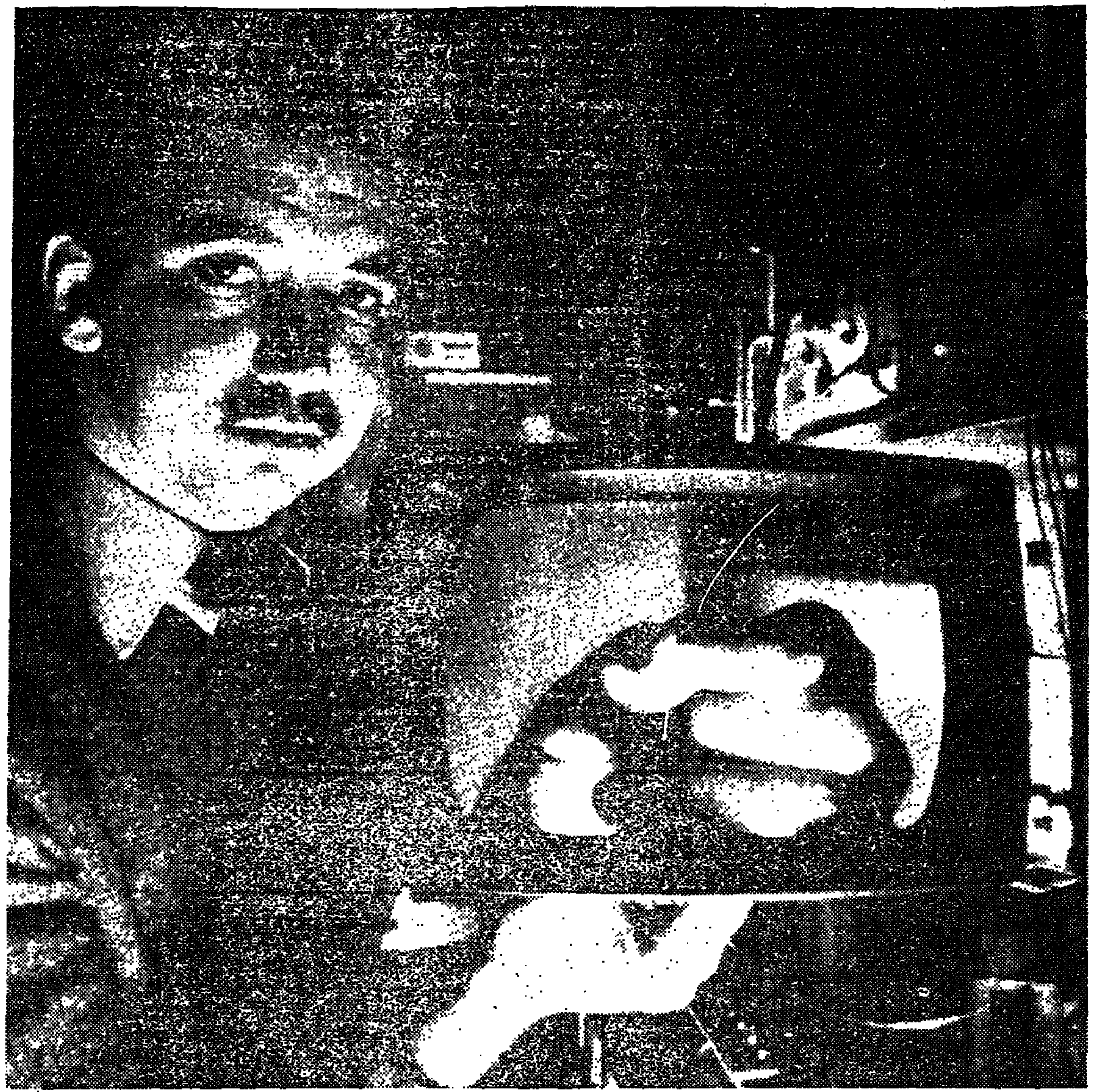
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Textbook may have misled judge

Regina v Moys

Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Mustill and Mr Justice Otton

[Judgment delivered May 18]

The Lord Chief Justice, giving the court's judgment quashing a conviction for handling stolen goods because a crown court judge had misdirected the jury, said that a relevant sentence in *Archbold, Pleading Evidence and Practice* (41st edition (1982) paragraph 18-165 p1122 would be less likely to lead to mistakes if it were to be amended.

Their Lordships allowed an appeal by Robert Moys, aged 34, of Sturry Road, Canterbury, against conviction at Canterbury Crown Court (Judge Cosgrave and a jury) of handling a black and white mare named "Kizzy" knowing her to have been stolen and obtaining property by deception. He was sentenced, respectively, to three months' and one month's imprisonment concurrent, suspended for two years and ordered to pay £200 prosecution costs and a legal aid contribution of £500. He was acquitted of theft of the mare.

The Court of Appeal made an order under section 8 of the Legal Aid Act 1982 and the Legal Aid Act 1982 (Commencement No 2) Order (SI 1984 No 220 (c 5)) remitting the legal aid contribution order and an order for payment out of central funds of the appellant's costs to include the ap d, trial and committal proceedings.

Mr Andrew Goymer, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Richard J. Haworth for the Crown.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that the mare, valued at £700, was stolen from livery stables on a Sunday night. She reappeared on the Monday when the appellant sold her for £480 in cash. The mare was recognized by her owner, the news got around and the appellant presented himself at the police station to say that he had sold her.

He denied throughout that he was guilty of either theft or handling. The main suspicious circumstances against him were *that he told two* different stories about how and where he bought the mare and that he had no receipt. The two convictions stood or fell together.

The jury were directed as to the law of theft and all else except for one possible exception. The judge said that the prosecution had to satisfy them so that they were sure that, at the time the mare came into the appellant's possession, he knew or believed her to be stolen. So far so good.

However, she went on to say: "'Believed' in that sense means he suspected very strongly that it was stolen and shut his eyes to that possibility altogether. It does not cover having found it and not inquiring where it came from."

Doubtless that form of words was derived from what Lord Widgery had said in *Atwal v Massey* ((1971) 56 Cr App R 6). *R v Griffiths* ((1975) 60 Cr App R 14) made it clear that Lord Widgery's words in *Atwal* were not to be taken as adding another form of knowledge to "know or believe", although at first sight they might appear to do so – suspicion and deliberately shutting eyes to the circumstances was an alternative to knowing or believing the goods to be stolen.

In the present case the judge plainly told the jury that suspicion coupled with a deliberate shutting of eyes was not merely an alternative but was equivalent to belief. That was incorrect and a material misdirection.

Despite the suspicious circumstances of the appellant's conflicting stories about where and how he bought the mare, there was no reliable evidence that he had paid *too little and the prosecution* evidence indicated that the absence of a receipt among horse-traders was insignificant. In the circumstances it was impossible to say that, had the jury been properly directed, they would necessarily have come to the same conclusion.

Doubtless some of the trouble arose from the way in which the *subject was dealt with in Archbold*, which stated: "It is not sufficient to prove that the goods were 'handled' in circumstances which would have put a reasonable man on inquiry. The question is a subjective one and it must be proved that the defendant was aware of the theft, or that he believed the goods to be stolen or that, suspecting them to be stolen, he deliberately shut his eyes to the circumstances".

The paragraph went on to refer to *Atwal* and *Griffiths*.

Not every crown court was equipped with the necessasry reports. Doubtless the paragraph was accurate *if one took the trouble* to read it from start to finish.

It would, perhaps, be less likely to lead to mistakes if the second sentence were amended to read as, for instance: "The question is a subjective one and it must be proved that the defendant was aware of the theft, or that he believed the goods to be stolen. *Suspicion that they were stolen*, even coupled with the fact that he shut his eyes to the circumstances, is not enough although those matters may be taken into account by a jury when deciding whether or not the necessary belief existed".

The appeal was allowed and the convictions were quashed.

Solicitors: Mr R. A. Crabb, Maidstone.

Applications for review of taxation

Practice Direction: (Review of Taxation)

Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, sitting in the Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) on May 15 with Mr Justice Mustill and Mr Justice Otton, handed down a Practice Direction relating to applications in the Queen's Bench Division for the review of a taxing officer's certificate under Order 62, rule 35 of the *Rules of the Supreme Court*.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that on and after May 10, 1984 the Practice Direction issued on October 10, 1960 by Lord Parker of Waddington, Lord Chief Justice, would be revoked and replaced by the following:

1 Every application in the Queen's Bench Division under Order 62, rule 35, to review a taxing officer's decision in respect of the taxation of a bill of costs should be made to one of the judges nominated for that purpose by the Lord Chief Justice.

2 Every application should be made by summons to be served within three days after issue and returnable on a day to be appointed.

3 Every summons must contain full particulars of the item or items or the amount allowed in respect of which the application to review was *made*.

4 The summons retained by the court would be sent to the Chief *Clerk of the* Supreme Court Taxing Office who would arrange for the necessary documents to be lodged, for the appointment of assessors, if required, and for the date of hearing of the summons: and he would notify the assessors and the parties of the date fixed.

Shipowners liable for full $25m claim

Grand Champion Tankers Ltd v Norpipe A/S and Others (The Marion).

Before Lord Diplock, Lord Scarman, Lord Roskill, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook and Lord Brightman.

[Speeches delivered May 17]

Shipowners were not entitled to leave all questions of safe navigation and chart correction entirely to the discretion of the aster without exercising an uate degree of supervision to ensu.. that the master properly discharged those responsibilities.

The House of Lords dismissed an appeal by the shipowners, Grand Champion Tankers Ltd from a decision on May 20, 1983 of the Court of Appeal (Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Dunn and Lord Justice *Purchas*) (*The Times*, May 24, 1983; [1983] 2 Lloyd's Rep 156) who allowed an appeal by Norpipe A/S and 12 other oil companies from an order dated March 30, 1982 of Mr Justice Sheen sitting in the Admiralty Court ([1982] 2 Lloyd's Rep 52) who granted the shipowners a decree limiting the amount of their liability in damages.

Mr Anthony Clarke, QC and Mr Jeremy Russell for the shipowners; Mr A. G. S. Pollock, QC and Mr David Steel QC for the oil companies.

LORD BRANDON said that on March 12, 1977 the Liberian tanker *Marion left Hamburg for* Teesside in order to load a cargo there. On March 14 she arrived near the entrance to the Teesside Fairway but because there was no loading berth immediately available for her, she was obliged to come to anchor and wait. The place where her master, Captain Potenza, chose to anchor her was off Hartlepool about 2.7 miles east of The Heugh and about a mile from the Tees Fairway buoy.

On March 18, a loading bay having become available for her, the Marion tried to weigh anchor so as to enable her to proceed inward to that berth but her efforts to do so *failed because her anchor had fouled* a pipeline on the sea-bed which carried oil from the Ekofisk Field through Tees Bay to Teesside. As a result of the anchor so fouling the pipeline, and of efforts to haul it up after that had happened, the pipeline was severely damaged.

Thirteen oil companies brought an action against the shipowners in the Admiralty Court in which they alleged that the fouling of the pipeline and the resulting damage had been caused by the negligence of the servants or agents of the shipowners on board the Marion. The amount of the damages claimed in the action exceeded *US $25m*.

The shipowners formally admitted liability for the fouling of the pipeline and the consequential damage done to it, but they began an action of their own in the Admiralty Court against the 13 oil companies and all other *persons* having claims in respect of the damage to the pipeline, in which *they claimed a decree* that they were entitled to have their total liability in respect of such damage limited pursuant to section 503 of the Merchant Shipping Act 1894, as amended by section 2(1) of the Merchant Shipping (Liability of Shipowners and Others) Act 1958.

Mr Justice Sheen decided in favour of the shipowners and granted them the decree of limitation of liability which they sought. The 13 oil companies appealed to the Court of Appeal who unanimously allowed the appeal and ordered that the shipowners be refused a decree of limitation of liability.

The *following* matters were common ground before their Lordships' House.

First, that if the shipowners were entitled to limit their liability, £982,292.06 was the correct amount of their limited liability.

Second, that the immediate cause of the damage to the pipeline was the negligence of the master in navigating by reference to a long *obsolete* chart on which the pipeline was not shown, leading him to let go his anchor in a place where, if he had been aware of the presence of the pipeline, as he would have been if he had navigated by reference to an up-to-date chart, he would never *have done*.

Third, that having regard to the express terms of section 503 of the 1894 Act as amended the shipowners were only entitled to have their liability limited if they could prove that the damage to the pipeline occurred without actual fault on their part.

Fourth, that on the true *construction of* those provisions, the burden of proving that (a) there was no actual fault of the shipowners and (b) if there was any such fault, it did not contribute to the damage to the pipeline, was in either case upon the shipowners.

Fifth, that since the shipowners had delegated the management and operation of the Marion wholly to *an English company*, Fairfield-Maxwell Services Ltd (FMSL) the person whose fault would constitute as a matter of law, the actual fault of the shipowners, was the managing director of FMSL, Mr Downard.

Sixth, that whereas FMSL employed *three other persons in a* managerial capacity, no faults of theirs, if they occurred could constitute as a matter of law, the actual fault of the shipowners.

The oil companies contended that the shipowners had failed to *discharge the burden of proving* that there had been no fault on the part of Mr Downard which contributed to the damage to the pipeline.

First, it was contended that the shipowners had not proved that he had a proper system for ensuring that the charts and other nautical publications on board (a) were not obsolete or superseded, or (b) if still current, were kept corrected up-to-date at all times.

Second, it was said that the shipowners had not proved that there had been no *fault* of Mr Downard in failing to ensure that there was brought to his notice a safety inspection report received by FMSL from the Liberian Marine Inspectorate relating to the inspection of the Marion in February 1976 which stated among other things "Navigational charts for trade of vessel corrections omitted for *several years*".

There was a time when courts dealing with contested limitation actions considered that shipowners or ship managers sufficiently discharged their responsibilities if they appointed a competent master and left all questions of safe navigation, including the obtaining at their expense of all necessary *charts* and *other* nautical publications entirely to him. That view was now out-of-date as appeared from the judgment of Sir Gordon Willmer in *The England* ([1973] 1 Lloyd's Rep 373).

In order to ensure the safe navigation of a ship on the voyages undertaken by her, three requirements with regard to charts had to be fulfilled.

First, that she should have on board and available for use, the current versions of the charts necessary for such voyages.

Second, that any obsolete or superseded charts which might *formerly* have been proper for use on such voyages, should either be destroyed or at least segregated from the current charts in such a way as to avoid any possibility of confusion.

Third, that the current charts *should either be corrected* up-to-date at all times or at least that such corrections should be made prior to their possible use on any particular voyage.

Mr Downard's system with regard to charts was to make the master of the Marion solely responsible for ensuring with the aid of one or more of his deck officers, *that the three requirements* were fulfilled. The master indented for the charts he thought necessary and FMSL paid the bill for them. FMSL also sent to the Marion on a regular basis all weekly Admiralty Notices to Mariners and all chart correction traces relating to Admiralty charts.

Mr Downard, deliberately and as a matter of considered policy, did not either himself, or through his subordinates exercise any supervision of any kind over the way in which the master performed the responsibilities with regard to charts which had been assigned to him.

It was the duty of Mr Downard to ensure that an adequate degree of supervision of the master in the keeping of up-to-date charts was exercised, *either by himself or by his* subordinate managerial staff, each of whom was fully qualified to exercise such supervision. In so far as Mr Downard failed to perform his duty in that respect, such failure constituted in law actual fault of the shipowners.

Turning to the second criticism against Mr Downard regarding the Liberian safety inspection report, he agreed in evidence that the report disclosed an appalling situation in regard to the charts on board and *was such as to destroy his* confidence in the system for the provision and maintenance of charts and his confidence in the master.

He said that he should have been told of the report (he did not in fact *become aware of it until after the* fouling of the pipeline in March 1977) and that if he had, he would have sent representatives of a well known chart supplier to make a thorough inspection of the charts, and if the position was unsatisfac*tory he* would have considered dismissing the master.

In short, he would have taken prompt and effective action himself instead of the delayed and ineffective action taken by his subordinates.

The shipowners contended that the only fault in relation to Mr Downard not having the report brought to his notice was that of his subordinates, which was not as a matter of law the actual fault of the shipowners. That contention was not acceptable. *During* Mr Downard's prolonged periods of absence he was in frequent contact with FMSL and there would have been no practical difficulty about his being informed of the report and its contents.

It was an inescapable inference from that fact that the instructions which he left with regard to matters *about which he required that* he should be kept informed were insufficiently clear or insufficiently precise or insufficiently comprehensive.

It followed that it was at least in part Mr Downard's own fault that *he was not told of the report and* that constituted as a matter of law, actual fault of the shipowners.

It was impossible for the shipowners to establish that the actual faults which they committed did not contribute to the damage to the pipeline.

Lord Diplock, Lord Scarman, Lord Roskill and Lord Brightman agreed.

Solicitors: Clyde & Co; Coward Chance.

No control of house if rent too low

Pollway Nominees Ltd v Croydon London Borough Council

Before Mr Justice Harman

[Judgment delivered May 11]

The service of a notice to repair pursuant to section 9 of the Housing Act 1957, good on its face, but served upon a person who was not and could not be deemed to be a person having control of the house, was a nullity.

Mr Justice Harman so held in the Chancery Division granting Pollway Nominees Ltd declarations that it *was not the person having control of* the premises known as Crown Point, Beulah Hill, Norwood, for the purpose of section 9 of the 1957 Act and that the notice served on it as the person in control of the premises pursuant to that section by *Croydon Borough Council* was consequently a nullity and ineffective.

Miss Jill Gibson for Pollway; Mr Robin Campbell for the council.

MR JUSTICE HARMAN said that Pollway was the freeholder of a purpose-built block of 42 flats let on long leases for substantial premiums. The freeholder had no right to possess any part of the habitable part of the building and received ground rents which amounted to considerably less than two-thirds of *its full net annual value*.

The notice served on Pollway alleged that Pollway was the person having control of the premises. Section 39(2) of the 1957 Act as far as material provided that the person who received the rack-rent (that is, *not less than two-thirds of the full* net annual value) of a house, or who would so receive it if the house were let at a rack-rent, should be deemed to be the person having control of the house.

Miss Gibson therefore submitted *that Pollway* was not the person in control of the house and that it was a requirement of the statute that in order to operate at all, the notice had to be served on the person having control. She also advanced the much wider proposition that the *1957* Act did not apply at all to blocks of flats let on long leases.

Mr Campbell contended that the notice could no longer be challenged since section 37 of the 1957 Act provided, as far as material, that any notice against which such an appeal might be brought to a county court should, if no such appeal was brought, become operative on the expiration of 21 days from the date of the notice, and should become final and conclusive as to any matters which could have been raised on such an appeal.

He accepted that a notice bad on its face within *Graddage v Haringey London Borough Council* ([1975] 1 WLR 241) need not be appealed against and was a nullity which could simply be thrown in the waste paper basket. But, he said, this was not such a case; the notice was good on its face in that the formal *statutory requirements* had been complied with, and factual matters would have to be investigated if it was to be challenged.

His Lordship said that it was *prima facie* correct that if the document was good on its face it *should have been challenged before* the county court judge. But the statute still required the notice to be served on the person having control of the house. No service of any notice upon the person having control of the house had ever taken place.

None of the authorities touched precisely upon the service of the notice and the point was fundamental to the validity of the notice. He held that the notice wrongly served never became a notice under the 1957 Act because *it was not a notice* within section 9(1) and was a nullity.

In the light of his decision his Lordship found it unnecessary to decide Miss Gibson's wider point (which would have very far reaching *effects*) *as to whether the 1957* Act applied at all to premises such as a block of flats let on long leases or to a house properly so called *and once* used as a normal family house and now let in four or five flats.

Solicitors: Bernstein & Co; Stamford Hill; Mr P. Dixon, Croydon.

Secrecy of seized papers

General Nutrition Ltd v Pradip Patni and Others

Mr Justice *Warner* in the Chancery Division on May 10 refused leave to the plaintiffs to inform the police of what had occurred during and as a result of a search of the defendants' residence and premises, carried out pursuant to an Anton Piller (search and seize) order made by the court on March 1, 1984, or to make available to the police the *documents* or copies thereof which were found during the carrying out of that search.

His Lordship distinguished *Customs and Excise Commissioners v A. E. Hamlin & Co (The Times* July 15, 1983; [1984] 1 WLR 509), on which reliance had been placed by the plaintiffs, on the ground that in that case the effect of the Anton Piller order had been to hamper investigations instituted by the commissioners under their statutory powers.

Although there might be circumstances in which it would be proper for the court to permit the release to the police of documents seized under an Anton Piller order, the mere fact that such documents *might show* that a criminal offence had been committed did not, of itself, justify a departure from the general rule that documents seized under such an order should be used only for the purposes of the proceedings in which the order had been obtained.

THE ARTS

Television

Paper bag writer

Melvyn Bragg described Stephen Sondheim, whose turn it was to appear on The South Bank Show (LWT), as "one of the world's greatest composers and lyricists and musical dramatists". Whether he meant the greatest ever, and thus in the company of Stravinsky and Wagner, or just the greatest in the last few years, was not made clear.

Most popular lyrics have nothing like the refinement of the average nursery rhyme; however, and the tunes tend to be remorsely banal; but even if we give Sondheim the benefit of the doubt, it was still somewhat peculiar that he should be invited to give what was described as a "master class".

Sondheim himself (who seemed pleasant and, except for one embarrassing analogy with Shakespeare, unassuming) tried to lend a certain vivacity to the proceedings by coaching various students from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in the right gestures and phrasing for his songs.

The performers put everything they had into lyrics such as "Isn't it bliss, Don't you approve, One who's been tearing around, One who can't move". But they were essentially wasting their breath by blowing into the musical equivalent of a paper bag.

This was the moment when Mr Bragg should have come in front of the cameras and asked one or two pertinent questions, but he remained out of sight, as Sondheim discussed in a serious fashion the mental state of Sweeney Todd.

Although Mr Bragg had been at pains earlier to suggest that Sondheim was one of the few popular composers whose work is taken seriously by the critics, I suspect that his musicals are successful for the same reasons as most musicals: they are full of either cheerful or mawkish sentimentality, described by Sondheim as "bitter-sweet", and specialize in that kind of breezy "uplift" which is often mistaken for elevation, and which used to be the property of one or two of the more obscure religious sects.

Certainly it is not strange that cheap, or at least inexpensive, music should be so potent – these songs reproduce in handily assimilable form some of the emotions people think they ought to possess, but never really do.

Perhaps last night's programme was not, in any case, the best way to deal with Sondheim. It would have been more instructive, or at least more entertaining, to have watched instead a conventional documentary about his life and work.

Peter Ackroyd

Opera

Tcherevichki
Morley College

In 1890, the year of *The Queen of Spades*, Tchaikovsky wrote: "I believe unreservedly in *Tcherevichki's* future as a repertoire piece, and I consider it musically well-nigh my best opera". The Devil (for he plays some part in it all) only knows why Tchaikovsky thought as he did. His forth completed opera won a prize in its original version as *Vakula the Smith*; but even in Morley College Opera's enterprisingly shortened and energetic production of the later version, this ostensibly light-hearted caprice still seems to labour long.

Based on Gogol's *Christmas Eve*, the libretto (translated robustly for Morley by Arthur Jacobs) sparks off all the right ingredients. As the ghost of Tchaikovsky past and future flits across an exquisitely orchestrated backdrop, flirtations with the Devil and the cry of water nymphs recall the fantasy of *Ruslan*, even of *Rusalka*; gopaks, polonaises, and kobza music toughen the heroine's and Tchaikovsky's more lyrically introverted moments. But the total experience of the tale of the Tsarinas Slippers, sought by Vakula to win the heart of the capricious Oxana, is rather like a potpourri of *The Devil and Kate*, *Ruslan* and *Mr Broucek* without quite the coherence or impetus of either one.

It is both imaginative and brave of Morley College to present, on an artistic and physical shoestring, what is the first fully staged UK performance of the work. Funds from ILEA and the GB/USSR Association could hardly stretch to the requisite pageant of snowstorms and aerial flights; but a miniature toy-theatre set, nicely painted in the style of a Russian folktale book, frames Andrew Downie's enthusiastic production.

As snow is unashamedly tossed in from the wings, scenery shifted during beguiling orchestral interludes, Morley's Emma Cons Hall takes on the atmosphere of Aldeburgh's Jubilee Hall during a performance of *Noye's Fludde*. David Shaw conducts the Morley Opera Orchestra, a strong, well-trained chorus, and a cast of confident, even over-ardent, amateur singers led by Gerardine Arthur as Oxana, Lazlo Swen as Vakula, Kirsten Johnson as Solokha, his witch-mother, and Geoffrey Thompson as the Devil.

Hilary Finch

Caroline Moorehead on a collection of letters from Jean Rhys, just published, which completes our picture of the author

Spirit and the letter


Brian Harris

Diana Melly and Francis Wyndham: "So much of Rhys's life was obscure"

Last year a portrait of Jean Rhys, the author of the much-loved *Wide Sargasso Sea*, written after a mysterious silence of 25 years, appeared as one of three essays in a collection called *Difficult Women*, by a friend of hers, David Plante. The woman he conjured up was finicky, querulous, demanding, often drinking heavily, and faintly absurd – a record her friends universally agree to be a cruel distortion of the truth.

In her will, Jean Rhys had stipulated that there was to be no authorized biography, and her literary executor, Francis Wyndham, has done his best to honour her wishes. On the fifth anniversary of her death, he and Diana Melly, a close friend of Jean Rhys towards the end of her life, have brought out a collection of her letters.

"Of course we had moments of terrible anxiety", Wyndham explains. "Perhaps she wouldn't have wanted this either? But she was neurotic about accuracy, not about privacy and secrecy. I don't feel David Plante was balanced. It's a very hard picture of Jean and it was out of focus. You don't get the cosiness, the domestic details."

The letters do, unquestionably, redress that balance: they are funny and often extremely moving. "But they are not depressing", insists Diana Melly. "They are too courageous for that." They show a woman determined to make her writing good, fascinated by friendships, who feels physically frail and often cold and who is most of the time very unhappy. They start in 1931, when her writing was just beginning to attract attention, and end in 1966, when *Wide Sargasso Sea* brought her a new and wider literary recognition.

Diana Melly first met Jean Rhys when she was in her seventies. She had read *Wide Sargasso Sea* and "like so many other people on whom it seemed to have that effect, I longed to meet its author". Sonia Orwell was a mutual friend and introduced them. "Later, when Jean came to London, she stayed with me."

Both Sonia Orwell and Diana Melly were, says Wyndham, "inspired friends to her, having been drawn to her by her writing, but realizing that she didn't want to talk about it, but about clothes and hats. I think people had been very governessy towards her".

Wyndham's own friendship began as a literary quest. "In 1945 I read an article about writers writing about low life in Penguin New Writing. There were two paragraphs about Jean. A friend found a copy of *Voyage in the Dark* in a second-hand bookshop. I went to the British Museum to read the others and wrote a piece about her in *Tribune*.

"It was then that I was told that she was dead. From then on, I kept on writing about her as 'the late Jean Rhys'. It turned out that lots of literary people from the thirties – Cyril Connolly, Anthony Powell – knew her books well. They all thought she was dead.

"One can see why, now. So much of her life was obscure. She wasn't a literary lady like Virginia Woolf. And even though she was in Paris and London, and was Ford Maddox Ford's lover, she wasn't in the swim. She never pushed herself. Her friends, and her husbands, were people who don't really read books. And she had no money." In 1957 he saw a piece in the *Radio Times*, "In Quest of a Missing Author" by Selma Vaz Dias, who had adapted *Good Morning Midnight*: from this he learnt that she was in fact alive.

Once the decision to collect the letters had been taken, Wyndham and Diana Melly embarked on what turned out to be a pleasurable literary treasure hunt, pursuing the spidery handwritten letters – Jean Rhys never learnt to type – across the Atlantic. They tell the story together.

"We went to Tulsa University where we knew they were starting to put together a Jean Rhys archive", Wyndham starts, "and we found some more letters in Texas." Diana Melly: "Then Diana Athill at Andre Deutsch had a file in her office which she had never properly read."

Wyndham: "Then Jean's daughter, Maryvonne, produced hers and when she reread them it had an extraordinary effect on her. She hadn't really known the circumstances of her mother's life. She hadn't realized how much Jean had cared for her. Jean had never really wanted her to read the novels – because, with a kind of Victorian modesty, she thought she might have been shocked – and she had felt excluded.

"Finally we had a real literary *trouvaille*. When Jean died I was given a case of her papers. In it I found references to a Peggy Kirkaldy, enough to know she must have been a confidante in the Thirties – a period for which we had very little else. We learnt she was dead and went to look up her will at Somerset House. That gave us the name of a doctor in Wales."

"And", concludes Diana Melly, "I traced him through the Royal College of Physicians and rang him up. He said he had a trunk in the attic and would have a look in it. A week later he rang and said it had papers. I went to Wales – and there was this wonderful bundle."

Would Jean Rhys ever have completed the story of her own life, begun in a fragmentary way in *Smile, Please*, but which peters out in 1930? "She wasn't the sort of person to want to finish an autobiography", says Wyndham.

The incidents and episodes of Jean Rhys's early life may have left few traces, but the character conveyed in the letters is alive and very strong. And, says Wyndham, they are accurate, which was precisely what she would have wanted. "Her heroines are always alone. Because the novels seem so autobiographical, you think of her as being always separate from a man and looking for another one. That wasn't so. She was married three times and always had a man. I wanted the letters to show that, to show how in essence the novels were about herself, a dreamy sort of person, having a think, going for walks, liking not being interfered with – but not the circumstances."

Jean Rhys' Letters 1931-1966, *edited by Diana Melly and Francis Wyndham, Andre Deutsch, £9.95.*

PUBLISHING

Anatomy of a poetry list

Anvil Press Poetry Ltd and Carcanet New Press Ltd, to give each young but august imprint its proper name, are two clients of the Arts Council not entirely dissatisfied with the meting and doling that has recently taken place from 105 Piccadilly. Anvil was founded in 1968 by Peter Jay, Carcanet a year later by Michael Schmidt. Both publish a great deal of poetry. Both are what, historically, are known as little presses. Both reflect their founders' taste and judgment, their commitment to and pleasure in poetry.

Their authors include, for at least one book each: (Anvil) Harry Guest, Peter Russell, Gael Turnbull, Michael Hamburger, Stephen Spender, Sylvia Plath, Joseph Brodsky, Peter Porter, Derek Mahon, Charles Tomlinson; (Carcanet) Christopher Middleton, John Heath-Stubbs, Michael Hamburger, HD, C. H. Sisson, Edwin Morgan, Elizabeth Jennings, Donald Davie. Larger and older imprints – Secker and Warburg, Faber and Faber, OUP, Chatto & Windus, and Penguin – may publish better-known, more "popular" poets, but as they also publish authors of ficion and non-fiction known sometimes to achieve best-sellerdom they are not, except perhaps by their principals, taken to be as committed or serious poetry publishers.

Whereas most publishers would as willingly yield up their costings as they would confess to a pact with the Devil, Mr Jay and Mr Schmidt agreed to allow me, and thus you, to be party to their figures. Thus we can see how poetry publishing fares in the mid-1980s.

Mr Jay reports that a typical 64-page slim volume – as a collection of new poems is known – costs about £1,000 to produce in an edition of 750 copies, the quantity he usually prints, with a paperback cover. This gives a unit price of £1.33 per copy exclusive of overheads.

A five-times mark-up, which is probably lower than par for the publishing course, would suggest a retail price of £6.50 or slightly more, which hardly anyone would pay; "a price", says Mr Jay, "of about £4 would be normal and reasonable". He tends to pay a non-returnable advance of £150 to his poets against a 10 per cent royalty.

Carcanet pays a 10 per cent royalty, too, but offers a variable advance. Mr Schmidt publishes many more titles than Anvil, about 50 per annum. He generally prints 500-750 of new poets, 750 of major hardback collections, 1,000-1,500 of paperbacks by "known poets".

Of a well-known poet's collected poems he did a first printing of 750 and a reprint of the same number: "plus a swingeing price rise since we lost money on the first edition". Small presses tend to equate editions with impressions, which is understandable but bibliographically wrong.

Michael Schmidt's press has just published the collected poems of a highly respected living poet. The book makes 384 pages and a mere 782 copies have been printed. The retail price is £12.95, a giveaway considering the prices of most novels. The gross value (eg number of copies printed times retail price) is £10,126.90. The break-even point is a sale of 557 copies. The cover design cost is £50, the typesetting a mere £700, approximately £1.80 per page.

These figures incorporate no overhead allocation, and Carcanet has a staff of three full-time and three part-time employees. Rent and rates have to be paid, too. Anvil's figures are similar. They requested a grant of just under £50,000 from the Arts Council for 1984-85 and received £46,000. So tightly were their figures drawn up that they regard the difference between what they needed and what they were granted as "significantly less" and as a result have had to doctor their programme and estimates for the current year to cope with the shortfall.

If a book is priced at £1.00, the retailer will take 35 per cent; the representative or traveller will take 12½ per cent of 65p (the price less the bookseller's discount); the warehouse will absorb 15 per cent of the net turnover of 65p; and the author will receive 10 per cent of the gross. Thus 63p has been eaten up, leaving the publisher with 37p to pay for all overheads and provide any profit.

Sarah Peel, Anvil's new salesman, and Peter Jay came up last autumn with a fascinating and detailed report on "The Distribution of Poetry and Literature" which ought to be made generally available. Anvil's grant from the Arts Council was agreed because, in the words of the finance director, Anthony Field, "the Council recognizes the value and importance of the sales and promotional work begun by Sarah Peel". Anvil and Carcanet only publish work of quality. Peter Jay and Michael Schmidt and their staffs care about the selling of their publications. They are professionals in literature.

E. J. Craddock





Valery Trofimchuk in *The Mischiefs of Terpsichore*: Virtuoso showpieces which fashion says one should despise, but which all balletomanes love to see.

Dance

Contest with prizes for everyone

Terpsichore
Dominion

The second of the Moscow Classical Ballet's offerings in London, premiered last night, is based on a good idea by Natalia Kasatkina and Vladimir Vasiliov, who also directed it. The title, though, is not such a good idea. *Times* readers probably know who Terpsichore was, but that is not necessarily true of everyone among the new, popular audience this company is attracting to the Dominion, at prices close to Covent Garden's.

The good idea I mentioned just now is that for most of the evening the dancers perform the sort of virtuoso showpieces that fashion says one should despise, but which all real balletomanes love to see. To make it into a show that will appeal equally to newcomers, the separate numbers are strung together on the theme of a ballet competition.

After a stylized classroom sequence that progresses very quickly from the barre exercises to more spectacular steps, a flight of brightly coloured balloons (the dirigible kind) heralds the arrival of an international jury who promptly proceed from greetings to quarreling. The first stage of the contest consists of light comic pieces composed by Kasatkina and Vasiliov (hereinafter known as K&V). The bravura level rises with a bang when round two begins with the pas de deux from *The Flames of Paris*.

The premiere cast introduced a dancer new to London, Tatiana Paly, who is swift, neat, light and very musical. I would like to see her bring out the humour in her solo a little more freely, but it is quite a while since I saw this role so brightly done.

In real ballet competitions, you can guarantee that three or four contestants in every five will choose the same couple of entries, but K&V ensure plenty of variety in this programme. Their own choreography, when it tries to be serious, is not of a standard to match the traditional pieces included - even when it has Ekaterina Maximova as Juliet in a duet that begins with the lovers clambering out of groups of white-robed monks. But it does provide contrast, and Alexander Gorbatsevitch almost brings off a solo evoking some of Fokine's famous ballets.

A number little known here is the extract from the triumph scene in *La Bayadère* (although the man's solo is familiar, since Nureyev incorporated it into the Kingdom of Shades scene). Four women and, briefly, a couple of men support the main couple, Gorbatsevich (whose double cabrioles are impressive, his final manège just slightly less so) and Galina Shliapina, who is strong but a little too exuberant for my taste.

Nicolai Smirnov jumps high in his solo to Pugni music, and so does Valery Trofimchuk as Acteon in the finale. At the end, the jury cannot agree on a winner, although a man with one leg in plaster claims recognition: he provides a running, or perhaps hobbling, joke all evening.

I would have given the gold medal to Tatiana Paly, not only for her *Flames of Paris* with Stanislav Isayev, but her *Flower Festival at Genzano* (in a mildly unorthodox but attractive staging) with Igor Terentiev and her dazzling fouettés, including some triples, in the *Don Quixote* coda with Gorbatsevich. Others will doubtless have their own favourites.

John Percival

Somes departure

Michael Somes, former leading dancer of the Royal Ballet and since 1970 chief regisseur in charge of rehearsals, left the company unexpectedly on Friday. A company spokesman would say only that: "After today he is no longer with us."

Somes created leading roles in many of Sir Frederick Ashton's ballets, and was uniquely trusted by Ashton for ensuring their maintenance.

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Capitalization and week's change

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, May 14. Dealings End, June 1. § Contango Day, June 4. Settlement Day, June 11

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted)

FT STOCK INDICES

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES	[illegible] (79.95)
FIXED INTEREST	[illegible]
INDUSTRIAL ORDINARY	[illegible]
GOLD MINES	[illegible]
ORDINARY DIVIDEND YIELD	4.4% ([illegible])
EARNINGS YIELD	10.40% (10.29%)
P.E. RATIO (NET)	11.60 (11.72)
P.E. RATIO (NIL)	11.06 (11.18)

BRITISH FUNDS

Stock outstanding £	Stock	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Int only Yield	Gross Red Yield
SHORTS					
1250m	Exch 3% 1984	99½	..	3.015	9.472
1050m	Treas 12¼% 1984	100[illegible]	+[illegible]	11.903	9.274
1000m	Treas 15% 1985	103½	−[illegible]	14.493	9.967
215m	Exch Cv 12% 1985	101[illegible]	+[illegible]	11.637	10.188
1250m	Treas 3% 1985	94½	..	3.170	8.728
1200m	Treas 11½% 1985	101	+[illegible]	11.387	10.336
987m	Treas C 8¾% 1985	97½	+[illegible]	8.951	10.617
1300m	Exch 12¼% 1985	102	+[illegible]	12.009	10.740
1150m	Exch 11¼% 1986	101½	..	11.576	10.752
691m	Treas C 10% 1986	98½	−[illegible]	10.151	10.847
700m	Treas 3% 1986	89½	..	3.366	9.091

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Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
7,308,000	Aquascutum 'A'	43	+1	2.9	6.8	17.6
324.5m	Argyll Grp	167	−2	6.4	3.9	18.8
21.8m	Ash & Lacy	523	+17	25.7	4.9	10.0
32.2m	Ass Book	295	+2	10.7	3.6	12.4
668.9m	Ass Brit Food	168	+2	6.9	4.1	7.5
1,101.8m	Ass Dairies	168	..	3.7	2.2	24.3
14.9m	Ass Fisheries	85	−3	3.6	4.3	8.0
144.3m	Ass News	475	−3	14.9	3.1	22.4
26.2m	Ass Paper	144	−1	6.4	4.5	11.8
189.7m	Atlantic Comp	310	+3½	3.2b	1.0	23.9
11.7m	Attwoods PLC	101	..	3.8	3.8	20.7
6,483,000	Ault & Wiborg	33	..	1.2	3.6	7.9
559,000	Aurora PLC	18	..	..	..	7.6
16.6m	Do 9% Cnv Pref	18½	..	1.3	7.0	..
39.3m	Automotive Pd	70	+1	1.4	2.0	16.4
11.8m	Avon Rubber	178	+22	4.3	2.4	6.4

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INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
228.3m	Alliance Trust	473	−17	19.3	4.1	..
78.3m	Amer Trust Ord	96	−2	3.6	3.7	..
191.0m	Ang-Amer Secs	234	−14	7.6	3.3	..
3,570,000	Anglo Int Inv	59½	+½	9.3	15.6	..

SHIPPING

MINES

OIL

PROPERTY

Capitalization £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div yld %	P/E
18.5m	Mountleigh	265	..	7.9	3.0	[illegible]
5,502,000	Municipal	£10¾	..	14.3	1.3	[illegible]
62.0m	Peachey Prop	223	+1	8.8	4.2	[illegible]
48.9m	Prop & Rever	180	+2	5.0	2.8	[illegible]
76.7m	Prop Hldgs	198	−2	6.3b	3.2	[illegible]
73.0m	Prop Sec	131	..	3.2b	2.5	[illegible]
5,286,000	Raglan Prop	9	..	0.1	1.2	[illegible]

PLANTATIONS

MISCELLANEOUS

UNLISTED SECURITIES

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

INSURANCE

FIXED INTEREST STOCKS

CONVERTIBLE LOANS

DEBENTURE STOCKS

UNSECURED LOANS

EUROBONDS

STRAIGHT DEBT

FLOATING RATE NOTES

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Bank base rates 9, 9¼
Finance houses base rate 9
Discount market loans week fixed
8½ - 8
3 month interbank
Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar 11⅝ - 11¾
3 month DM 6⅟₁₆ - 5¹⁵⁄₁₆
3 month Fr F12⅝ - 12½
US rates
Bank prime rate 12.50
Fed funds 9⅞
Treasury long bond 98¼ - 98⅝
ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme IV Average reference rate for interest period April 4, 1984 to May 1, 1984, inclusive: 8.934 per cent.

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce):
am $375.00 pm $376.60
close $376.25-376.75 (£271.00-271.50)
New York (latest): $375.75
Krugerrand* (per coin):
$387.00-388.50 (£278.75-279.75)
Sovereigns* (new):
$88-50-9.50 (£63.50-64.50)
*Excludes VAT



FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Looking beyond the North Sea windfall

The Gulf war has fanned a tiny flicker out of the dying embers of Britain's petrocurrency fire. The present margin of spare capacity in the world oil market is huge – a research paper published today by stockbrokers' Simon & Coates puts it at over 20 per cent – so it will take a decided turn for the worse in Middle Eastern hostilities to get much of a blaze going. But we have had a reminder of an important lesson. It is not changes in the scale of Britain's energy production that impress the foreign exchange markets, but movements in the jumpy spot market for oil.

This is particularly relevant to the great debate now going on, in the king of vague way that great debates always do, about the years of oil decline. For the past three years oil extraction from the Continental shelf around the United Kingdom has continued to rise steadily; but sterling has not. Only now – when production is by common consent close to its peak – do a series of tanker bombings in the Gulf raise faint memories of an oil-fired pound.

Of course, if Britain were running fast towards exhaustion of its oil reserves, the markets would take note. But – again by common consent – a sharp decline in oil production is not on the cards. Today's peak, or perhaps next year's will stretch out into a plateau, from which the descent will be slower than the original rise. So the Chancellor of the Exchequer assured us last month; and thus far, his story is not contested.

Uncertainty

There are only a few elements in the uncertain business of oil forecasting about which it is possible to be reasonably confident. One is that the new fields now coming on stream do not compare, for size and cheapness, with the big three – Brent, Forties and Ninian. The next is that output from these three is now at its peak. But the third, learnt from experience by the oil companies, is that technical ingenuity, under pressure from head office, can extend the economic life of an oilfield for longer than was originally forecast. The formidable, not to say improbable, task of developing enough small North Sea fields to keep Britain self-sufficient in oil until the end of the century will be eased by the oil companies' proven ability to squeeze extra drops of oil out of fields close to exhaustion.

Now we plunge into uncertainty. Whether the oil companies find it worthwhile to develop these new fields depends on the tax regime, the real price of oil and technological advance. The first can be adjusted, more or less; the third can be hoped for but not promised; the second is the real teaser. The brokers Sinon & Coates, smartly castigate the Treasury for assuming the real price of oil falls until the end of the 1980s, but then rises again – thus conveniently keeping ahead of the expected increase in the costs of oil production. This means the Treasury's forecast of oil tax revenue declines very gently over the next 10 years.

Comparisons

Nobody, in truth, can do much better than guess that the oil market will continue to be weakened by the development of energy sources outside the control of the organization of Petroluem Exporting Countries, while a recovery in the world's trend rate of economic growth will contradictorily tend to tighten it a litte. But for Britain, there are some extra contradictory pressures that, comfortingly perhaps, tend to limit both the risks and the rewards.

A weak oil market has been reflected in a weak exchange rate against the dollar; since oil is priced in dollars, this has protected British oil revenues. So a typical American smart answer to British complaints about the size of President Reagan's budget deficit and its impact on the dollar runs like this. Britain's budget deficit would be larger than America's, in relation to national output, if the dollar were still as low as it was when the President took office – because the British Treasury would be earning so much less from the North Sea. This is just a smart answer, because it assumes nonsensically that the only impact of a higher sterling exchange rate would be lower oil revenues – but it illustrates an important point.

Of course this soothing view of exchange rates cannot be relied on. There are plenty of other influences at work. Even the oil argument needs qualification: when the spot market tightens because of war, rather than rising demand, funk money heads for the United States. The dollar tends to rise faster than the pound. Then, when these tensions eventually relax, sterling may go up as the dollar price of oil comes down.

But these are the short-term vicissitudes of world politics that cannot sensibly be built in to dry economic forecasts for a decade ahead. Some drops of knowledge can still be extracted from these forecasts, by comparing them with years past.

Assume, for a start, that the Treasury is right and that oil tax revenues will decline only slowly. Even so, this pattern will be radically different from the past decade, when revenue was rising sharply from year to year. The Chancellor says that this annual bonus was used to smooth the path to rising inflation, his critics that it was wasted on rising unemployment. Never mind, for the moment, about that running argument. The point is that the annual increase in real oil revenue cannot be expected in the future.

Free money

In the context of the Chancellor's strategy, this is the logical defence of his change in direction from sharp disinflation to a trajectory that shows only a very slow decline in the rate of inflation over the next five years, aiming for the magic moment of "price stability" sometime in the next half-decade. But it also means that as far as the public sector is concerned, there is no more oil bonus to spend, on infrastructure or anything else on the shopping list. It was only the net increase in oil tax, from year to year, that was in a real sense free money. As revenues flatten out, the oil take can be used only to one purpose if it is deducted from another.

So the Government's – any government's – disposable cash for tax cuts, or extra spending or reductions in borrowing to be earned elsewhere in the economy (with public asset sales as a temporary bonus). This is the real meaning of the end of Britain's oil boom. It is not the remote danger of "running out of oil", because by the time that occurs it may be no more significant than Britain's lack of other particular raw materials. It is that from now on the net additions to Britain's national income have to be earned in more difficult ways: areas of endeavour where the gap between cost and price is not obviously and so deliciously large, and cannot be so easily milked by any government to finance its particular economic strategy – whether this consists of borrowing less or spending more. As time goes on, and that gap narrows in the oil business too, the endeavour will be needed just to stand still. It is not clear just when that second stage will begin. But the first starts almost immediately.

Sarah Hogg
Economics Editor

Accountants offer trade-off to ease tax-haven clamp

By Ian Griffiths

Leading accountants are pressing the Government to abandon its plan to curb tax havens. They have offered a deal with the Treasury under which the tax-haven clauses from the Budget would be dropped in return for the accountants helping to redraft that part of the Finance Bill. New legislation would hit only those businesses which operated offshore for tax avoidance purposes.

The accountants believe that with their help the Inland Revenue will be able to produce legislation which still catches the avoiders but takes British companies with geniune overseas trading motives out of the wider net which is currently proposed.

The deal was proposed at a meeting between a delegation from the Consultative Committee of Accountancy Bodies and Mr John Moore, Financial Secretary to the Treasury. It was prompted by a growong fear that in its present form the legislation will impose an excessive burden on British companies which trade abroad. With basic rate corporation tax being reduced to 35 per cent the need for the legislation is much less pronounced.

Mr Alan Reid, international tax partner with the accountancy firm Thomson McLintock and a member of the CCAB delegation, said: "Every British company which trades abroad must check that its overseas subsidiaries are not hit by the proposed legislation which would involve complex and costly calculations.

"As the tax rate comes down to 35 per cent the bulk of international tax planning will be designed to get funds back to the UK.

"At the moment there are 40 pages of draft legislation to attack an abuse which will generate very little money. We believe we can help the Revenue to get the same tax take but with a lot less effort. At the same time it will save British companies the aggravation of this wide-ranging legislation which will inhibit many companies from actually trading overseas."

Legislation to curb international tax avoidance was first proposed three years ago but after widespread criticism was watered down substantially. Clauses on tax havens were scheduled for the 1983 Finance Bill but had to be dropped because of the General Election.

The main source of concern for the Inland Revenue remains the so-called money-box companies which are set up in tax havens purely to avoid remitting funds to Britain where they would attract tax at higher rates.

Thorn plan attacked

Criticism of the proposed £1.6 billion merger between Thorn EMI and British Aerospace intensified during the weekend with a harsh attack on the merger plan from Sir John Clark, chairman of the Plessey electronics group.

Sir John indicated that he is bitterly opposed to the merger which he said would lead to a diversification of effort, particularly for British Aerospace.

Plessey is now considering the implications of the merger for its own defence and electronic businesses. Although Plessey seems unlikely to make a counter bid for British Aerospace, this may be one of several defensive options being considered by the company to protect its own position.

BOARD MEETINGS

MONDAY – **Interims:** Australia and New Zealand Banking Corp, Brooke Tool Engineering, Consolidated Company Bultfontein Mine, Dutoitspan Mines, Espley Trust, Cruqualand Westt Diamond Mining; Radio City (Sound of Merseyside). **Finals:** Associated British Foods, Bishopsgate Trust, Bonusbond Holdings, Cakebread Robey, Ivory and Sime, JSD Computer Group, Monks Investment Trust, Prince of Wales Hotels.

TUESDAY – **Interims:** Archimeded Investment Trust, John Carr, Diploma, ICL, International Thomson Organisation, Kelsy Industries, Management Agency and Music, Moran Tea, Holdings, Northern American Trust, Owen and Robinson, Ranks Hovis McDougall, Scottish National Trust, Stakis. **Finals:** Alcan Aluminium, British and American Film Holdings, Benlox Holdings, Walter Duncan and Goodricke, Fidelity, Parkland Textile, J Sainsbury, Tranwood Group, TR Property Investment Trust, Whitbread and Co.

WEDNESDAY – **Interims:** Avon Rubber, Bass, Buckley's Brewery, Cronite Group, Irish Distillers, Redfearn National Glass, Sidlaw Group, Tunstall Telecom. **Finals:** Allied Irish Banks, Boots, Channel Tunnel Investments, Emray, Jersey General Investment Trust, London and Northern Group, Robert Moss, Svenska Cellulosa AG.

THURSDAY – **Interims:** Asea AB, JA Devenish, Gomme Holdings, National Commercial Banking Corp of Australia, Scottish Investment Trust, Spencer Clark Metal Industries, Wolverhampton and Dudley Breweries. **Finals:** Cater Allen Holdings, Deritend Stamping, Extel Group, A. Goldberg and Sons, Philip Hill Investment Trust, Plessey Co, Sandhurst Marketing, TR Natural Resources Investment Trust, Weeks Associates, Young and Co's Brewery.

FRIDAY – **Interims:** Davenports Brewery Holdings, LPA Industries, Radio Clyde, Tyne Tees Television. **Finals:** Assam-Dooars Holdings, Castings, Macdonald Martin Distilleries, Nineteen Twenty-Eight Investment Trust, Toshiba Corp, Western Dooars Tea Holdings.

Hambros Bank to expand

By Wayne Lintott

Hambros Bank intends reentering the insurance business and may take over an investment management company, according to Mr Rupert Hambro, chairman of the bank.

Mr Hambro received two cheques last week totalling more than £123m, being the cash consideration for the sale of the bank's 25 per cent stake in the Hambro Life Insurance group, which has been sold to the Charterhouse J Rothschild financial services combine.

Mr Hambro confirmed that Charterhouse J. Rothschild will have to give up the name Hambro Life. He said: "The Hambro portion of the name reverts back to us at the completion date of the merger or within 18 months of that date."

What did the bank intend doing with the money? Mr Hambro replied: "The City knew the money was coming so a lot of propositioins have been put to us.

He added: "We intend spending some of that clearing up operations, such as repaying short-term debt. We are closely involved in financial services (the bank has taken a stake in the brokers Strauss Turnbull) and we will be moving back into the insurance business, after all we spent 10 years building up Hambro Life."

Mr Hambro disclosed that the bank would be looking at the investment management business. "At the moment prices are too high, but I believe that they will fall back over the next six months," he said.

"And there are certain property deals that have been put to us."

Yule Catto predicts 51% rise in last-ditch takeover bid

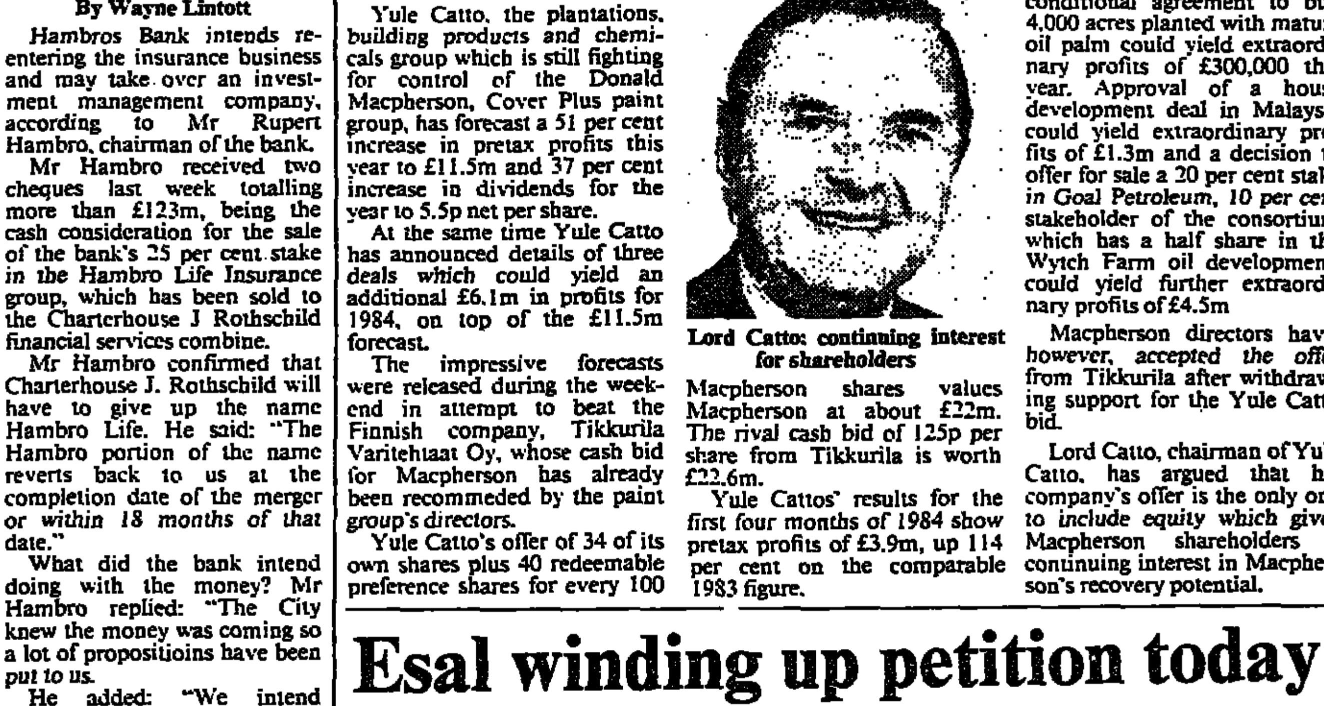
By Andrew Cornelius

Yule Catto, the plantations, building products and chemicals group which is still fighting for control of the Donald Macpherson, Cover Plus paint group, has forecast a 51 per cent increase in pretax profits this year to £11.5m and 37 per cent increase in dividends for the year to 5.5p net per share.

At the same time Yule Catto has announced details of three deals which could yield an additional £6.1m in profits for 1984, on top of the £11.5m forecast.

The impressive forecasts were released during the weekend in attempt to beat the Finnish company, Tikkurila Varitehtaat Oy, whose cash bid for Macpherson has already been recommeded by the paint group's directors.

Yule Catto's offer of 34 of its own shares plus 40 redeemable preference shares for every 100 Macpherson shares values Macpherson at about £22m. The rival cash bid of 125p per share from Tikkurila is worth £22.6m.



Lord Catto: continuing interest for shareholders

Yule Cattos' results for the first four months of 1984 show pretax profits of £3.9m, up 114 per cent on the comparable 1983 figure.

The company said that a conditional agreement to buy 4,000 acres planted with mature oil palm could yield extraordinary profits of £300,000 this year. Approval of a house development deal in Malaysia could yield extraordinary profits of £1.3m and a decision to offer for sale a 20 per cent stake in Goal Petroleum, 10 per cent stakeholder of the consortium which has a half share in the Wytch Farm oil development, could yield further extraordinary profits of £4.5m

Macpherson directors have, however, accepted the offer from Tikkurila after withdrawing support for the Yule Catto bid.

Lord Catto, chairman of Yule Catto, has argued that his company's offer is the only one to include equity which gives Macpherson shareholders a continuing interest in Macpherson's recovery potential.

Esal winding up petition today

By Philip Robinson

A petition to wind up Esal (Commodities) and its associated companies is due to be heard in the High Court today.

Esal has debts of $212m (£153m) and ceased trading five months ago saying that nonpayment by Nigeria for its sugar imports had caused the company to run into trouble.

A $45m rescue package was constructed by the seven leading bankers owed about $166m, much of this secured over Esal assets.

The package, for its success, needed the support of creditors holding more than 90 per cent of the total debts. By last Tuesday, a second deadline for signatures to the agreement, the banks had secured agreement with those owed only 87 per cent of total debts.

The banks, led by the Punjab National Bank, said they would not go ahead unless there was the co-operation of a substantial majority of creditors.

Four unsecured trade creditors refused to sign the package arguing that it was too heavily weighted in the bankers' favour

But no official value has yet been placed on the estimated $18m worth of additional assets which have been promised as colateral by Mr Rajandra Sethia, former chairman of Esal.

Caparo raises Greenfields stake to 11.8%

By Our Financial Staff

The proposed merger between Greenfields Leisure, the camping and leisure equipment group, and Blacks Camping and Leisure, where Caparo Group has a 20 per cent stake has moved a step closer with Caparo increasing its holding in Greenfields by 1 per cent to 11.8 per cent.

Greenfields signalled its approval of the merger this month when the Greenfield family sold its 27.5 per cent stake to consortium let by Mr Murdoch Morrison, chairman of Blacks.

Mr Morrison has been involved in talks with Greenfields since the share sale and is due to meet the Greenfields management again this morning.

His initial plans to reshape the troubled British camping and leisure equipment industry, with the continued support of Caparo, also included Campari International, the leisurewear group.

However, Campari pulled out of the merger negotiations because it was unhappy about the terms.

Mr James Leek, chief executive of Caparo, said the talks were in their "very early days".

He said that Caparo had bought the additional 100,000 shares in Greenfields at 47p each, compared with the 50p per share paid for the original holding in Greenfields.

Banks back £6bn tunnel

The long-awaited Anglo-French study on the financing of a cross-Channel link, due to be published tomorrow, is expected to give the go ahead for a £6 billion scheme to build a twin-bore rail tunnel.

● LORD PENNOCK next month becomes, the first British businessman to head the Union of European Industries the grouping of the CBI and its European counterparts, since it was formed 26 years ago.

STOCK EXCHANGES

Changes on week
FT-SE 100 Index: 1104.9 up 26.2
FT-Index: 874.4 up 3.4
FT Gilts: 79.60 down 0.15
FT All Share: 519.79 up 8.14
Bargains: 21,000 down 2,239
Datastream USM Leaders Index: 115.79 up 0.76
New York: Dow Jones Industrial Average: 1133.79 down 23.35
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 10,126 down 707.87
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 895.73

CURRENCIES

Changes on week
LONDON
Sterling
$1.3870 up 0.002
Index 80.4 up 0.4
DM 3.8575 up 0.0175
FrF 11.8437 up 0.0537
Yen 324.50 up 5.5
Dollar
Index 132.0 up 0.3
DM 2.7745 up 0.002
NEW YORK
Sterling $1.3880
Dollar DM 2.7730

Freeze on brokers

New York – The assets of two former Wall Street brokers and a lawyer were ordered to be frozen as the American Government pressed its case at the end of last week against an alleged stock fraud scheme based on information leaks from a Wall Street Journal columnist.

The freeze applies to Mr Peter Brant, a former broker at the firm of Kidder, Peabody and Company; Mr Kenneth Felis, also a former Kidder broker; and Mr David Clark, an attorney.

The assets of two former employees of the newspaper against whom charges have also been pressed, were not frozen because both men are cooperating, according to lawyers for the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Regan confident on freer banking

Tokyo pact likely next week

From John Earle, Rome

Mr Donald Regan, United States Treasury Secretary, hopes to announce early next week an agreement between Washington and Tokyo on the internationalization of Japanese capital markets, assuming the successful conclusion of talks in Rome between the two countries.

Mr Regan, who was speaking to reporters after a largely inconclusive meeting of the group of 10 industrialized countries on international monetary problems, has left behind Mr Beryl Sprinkel, the deputy secretary, to conclude the bilateral negotiations with the Japanese deputy finance minister, Mr Oba.

At present, Mr Regan said, about two-thirds of an agreement had been drafted. Mr Sprinkel and Mr Oba had to complete this work, and submit the final agreement to himself and his Japanese opposite number. "If we accept it, it should be released in the first part of next week."

The two countries have been in contact for some time on what should prove a milestone in Japan's financial relations with the West. The talks originated during President Reagan's visit to Japan, the Treasury Secretary said.

Mr Regan declined to give any indication of the contents of the agreement, saying both sides were pledged to silence. He observed, however, that while foreign banks could operate in Japan they were not allowed full access to capital markets, to trust business, or to dealing in government bonds.

The meeting of finance ministers and central bank governors from the Group of 10 – now 11, with the admission of Switzerland – considered an interim report by their deputies under four headings;

● the functioning of the system of flexible exchange rates
● the reinforcement of multilateral surveillance
● international liquidity
● the future role of the International Monetary Fund.

The deputies, under the chairmanship of Signor Lamberto Dini of the Bank of Italy, were instructed to submit a final report in the first half of next year.

The Italian chairman, Signor Giovanni Goria, the Treasury Minister, gave prominence in his opening address to reinforcing the role of the IMF. He urged that it should be enabled "to exercise an action of multilateral surveillance on the convergence of the various countries' policy mixes."

THE GILT-EDGED MARKET

Can decoupling ever return?

Geoffrey Finn

There have been two main themes underlying this series since it began in January. The first has been to emphasize the relatively favourite domestic financial, economic and political background and to stress the appeal to investors of the high real rates of return available on gilts.

The second has been constantly to remind readers of the real threat to confidence posed by he interest rate bearishness in New York money and bond markets, resulting from the painfully high US internal budget and external trade deficits and fears of rising inflation associated with the persistent strength of the American enonomy.

Thanks to the influence of the strong British domestic scene, *the notwithstanding the ever* increasing transalantic gloom, interest rates and government bond yield in London showed themselves able to move independently of those in New York throughour the whole of 1983 and the first quarter of 1984.

Events of the past month, however, have conurived to arrest this process of money and bond yields had been largely *ignored in London he latest* round in the upward spiral has prompted and unwelcome paralled move in Britain. Hence the half on 1 per cent rise to between 9 per cent and 9.25 per cent, in clearing bank's base rates on May 9 and the fall in gilt-edged prices to their lowest point since last September.

Not the kind of scenario thought likely to emerghe two *months ago when the tax-re*forming Budget was receiving all those plaudits. Since then the FT Government Securities index has fallen by 4.6 per cent from 83.50 to its recent low of 79.63 on May 14, before *rallying slightly and then closing* at 79.6 on Friday. The half of one per cent rise in base rates is particularly disappointing since is cancelled out the half of one per cent fall in mid-March to their lowest level for six years *and raised the possibility of a* similar reversal of the 1 per cent post-Budget cut in mortgage rates.

The base rate increase, immediately following a similiar rise to 12.5 per cent in US commerical bank's prime rates, ended a run of five consecutive falls. With *prices* of US Treasury bonds slumping to their lowest level for over two years to a yield basis of over 13.5 per cent, it was not surprising to see a sympathetic downward move in the London gilt-edged market, particularly as some of the recent British domestic indicators have con*tained some discomforting* features.

Whilst the long drawn out miners' strike, now in its 11th week, has undoubtedly been an unsettling factor, there have also been other irritants, in addition to the US despondency described above, helping to undermine market confidence. The first concerns the latest figures on money supply. During the April banking month the most closely moni*tored measure, sterling* M_3*, rose* by only 0.4 per cent to an annual rate of 8.3 per cent and the narrowly based M_0 actually fell by 0.1 per cent to stand 4.8 per cent up on the last 12 months, both comfortably *within official targets*.

However, the worrying feature continues to be the high rate. of sterling lending to the private sector which rose by £1.48 billion. These figures were published last Thursday alongside those which revealed a disturbingly high Public Sector Borrowing Requirement for April of £2.4 billion. This is hardly a propitious start on the road towards the full-year 1984-85 projected PSBR of £7.25 *bilion*.

Other mildly disquieting indicators recently include a further rise in the cost of industry's fuel and materials to *8.6 per cent in the year to April*, compared to 6.9 per cent in the *previous* month, followed by news of a sharp jump in April in the volume of retail sales of 3.6 per cent, one of the largest monthly rises recorded.

On the wages front, the most recent figures show that pay *settlements in manufacturing* industry rose slightly to 6 per cent in the first quarter of 1984 from 5.8 per cent in the previous three months. Meanwhile, earnings in manufacting rose by an annual rate of 9½ per *cent in the first quarter*, well ahead of the prevailing 5.2 per cent inflation rate. Although it is hoped that continuing productivity gains will reduce the inflationary impact of this earning buoyancy, there is no denying that these upward pressures on pay are beginning to cause increasing concern.

These, then, are some of the domestic worries which have *supplemented the unsettling* events imported from across the Atlantic. It is interesting to see what resultant damage has been suffered by gilt-edged prices since the Budget on March 13, and to put forward some suggestions for those prepared to take the view that the recent setback has produced an "oversold" situation and who are willing to take advantage of a possible technical rally.

In the two months from March 13 to May 14, yield rose by between 1.00 per cent and 1.50 per cent *in shorts, up to* 1.24 per cent in mediums and between 0.60 per cent and 0.95 per cent in longs. Price falls, allowing for accrued interest, were between 2½ per cent and 6 per cent. One of the biggest *declines was in the low coupon* Treasury 6¾ per cent 1995/98 which fell from 78 to 71⅛, a net price fall of 6.2 per cent whilst its gross redumption yield rose 81p from 10.03 per cent to 10.84 per cent.

Going somewhat shorter and to a higer coupon, Exhequer 13¼ per cent 1994 fell by 5.3 per cent from 120⅞ to 110, while its yield rose from 10.93 per cent to 11.87 per cent, one ot the highest in the list. The longest date, Exchequer 12 per cent 2013/17, lost 5.3 per cent net of accrued interest from 124¼ to 113⅞xd, while its yield rose from 9.79 per cent to 10.39 per cent.

At the time of writing each of the above had rallied modestly from the May 14 "low" but were still at very depressed levels in relation to those two months upward twist to the *American interest rate spiral* brought the "de-coupling" process to an abrupt halt.

Institutional investors have been building up their liquidity in recent weeks and this will be reinforced by the redemption of *£1.1 billion Exchequer 14 per* cent 1984 on May 22, and by the receipt of some substantial gilt- edged interest payments amounting to a gross £1.25 billion in the month of May.

In spite of the lack of good news from the US and the nagging domistic worries mentioned above, many fund managers with cash to invest will find the present yield basis difficult to resist.

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EXCHEQUER RED YIELDS

12.5% 1994

12% 2013/17

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1982 1983 1984

GROSS REDEMPTION YIELDS

	18.5.84		1983/84			
Stock	Net price	GRY %	Net price High	Net price Low	GRY % Low	GRY % High
Treasury 11½% 1989	99.78	11.55	104.09	95.71	10.42	12.51
Exchequer 12¼% 1992	101 86	11.88	107.62	98.89	10.87	12.44
Exchequer 12% 1998	104.22	11.39	111.20	98.83	10.49	12.17
Treasury 12½% 2003/05	113.12	10.87	120.04	104.27	10.14	11.94
Treasury 8% 2002/06	*79.62*	*10.35*	*85.97*	*74.64*	*9.50*	*11.04*
Exchequer 12% 2013/17	115.22	10.34	121.26	104.55	9.79	11.46

US NOTEBOOK

The revolt threatening Reagan's re-election

President Reagan seemed to have *achieved a wonderful* combination of vigorous economic recovery and low inflation, sufficient to make his second presidential inauguration a foregone conclusion.

The the "revolt of the *financial markets*" has raised the possibility of the economic issue intruding into the election, with high and rising interest rates becoming a central fact in the campaign.

Frantic efforts by White House officials to put pressure on the Federal Reserve have subsided into silence, indeed, after Mr Larry Speakes, the *White House spokesman*, and Mr Donald Regan, Secretary of the Treasury, launched violent attacks on the Fed in public, the President followed with remarks so innocuous as to raise the question of whether *Mr Regan had been set up*.

Treasury bond futures have fallen 13 *per cent since January* and the implied yield has risen from 11.9 per cent to 13.7 per cent. Another rise in the prime rate is fully *justified by the current price of 180-day certifi*cates of deposit, the "marker" for the prime. These 160-day bank CD's now yield nearly 11.2 per cent, indicating a less than acceptable rate at which the Fed provides funds to the *banks is also way out of line at* 9 per cent.

The prospect of another rise in the prime rate or in the discount *rate is horrifying to an* Administration now no longer quite as certain that the President will romp home in November, trailing a big Senate majority behind him.

The financial markets are free to revolt because the new *deal pattern of interest rate* controls and bank regulations was largely smashed in 1980-81, because of the astonishing success of the money market mutual funds, operating outside the regulatory controls.

The revolt of the financial markets is not the only echo *from the past making things* tough for the President.

The crisis of the Continental Illinois Bank, ninth largest in the nation, had its origins in the great inflation of the 1970's. During that time the real rate of interest on bank loans was close to zero, for the 15 years from 1967 *until* the end of 1981. American banks were not free to set their domestic lending rates, which were controlled. So wild attempts were made to raise profits by lending to Third World and communist nations

American banks, seeing the Federal Reserve supplying mammoth and unprecedented *amounts of reserves during the* 15 years in question, abandoned much of their traditional caution

The folly of those years, in which the Central Bank and the banks seemed to be *competing to make the most* adventurous moves, has led to *the most widespread potential* for disaster in the history of American Banking.

While it is fashionable to blame the banks for their troubles, there is no doubt they were led down the primrose *path to failure by a Central* Bank which provided dangerous controls and regulations.

All this is terrible news for the President. Meanwhile, the financial markets have indicated by their actions in the *last five months that they will* not allow bond prices or stock *prices or commodity prices to* rise insignificantly until this recovery is smashed.

Maxwell Newton

USM REVIEW

Spring Ram satisfies call for more shares

What is it like to feel wanted? Ask Mr Bill Rooney, the energetic chairman of **Spring Ram Corporation** the bathroom and kitchen *equipment* manufacturer, which joined the Unlisted Securities Market in April last year at 105p.

Since then the shares of the West Yorkshire-based group have not looked back and aided by impressive profits growth, which has seen pretax profits expand from £162,000 to *£1.6m* in just four years, they have been attracting *the attention* of leading City institutions.

But with only 21 *per* cent of the group's equity in public hands, only a few have been able to satisfy their needs. In fact the clamour for shares became so great that Mr Rooney and his board decided *last week to release more of* their own shares to the institutions. He said: "They became really desperate to get hold of stock".

The company's broker, Panmure Gordon, eventually placed a total of 940,000 shares (9.04 per cent) with nine *institutions* at 200 23/32p – a premium over Friday's closing price of 198p.

Mr Rooney sold 271,000 shares, reducing his entire stake to 2.085 million shares, while two other directors, Mr John *Smith and Mr Robert Murray*, parted with a total of 360,000. The rest were sold by the remaining board members and Sagitas, a trust controlled by the Rooney family.

At first glance, the institutions rush for Spring Ram shares appears a little strange, but it looks as though the group is firmly on target for another bumper set of profits in the present year.

"We have had a great start to the year, well ahead of forecast and well ahead of budget", Mr *Rooney said*.

Panmure Gordon shares this *view. Its analyst has just raised* its forecast from £2.1m to £2.5m in the present year and will be issuing another buy circular on the company this week.

In the *past few* months Spring Ram has also received good reviews from several other brokers, including Earnshawe Haes, and Capel-Cure Myers. All regard the shares as a good buy.

Mr Rooney *is also confident* about the full-year outcome and *confirms* that this has been the group's best trading month so far.

Bathroom and kitchen sales are well up on the same period last year and now Spring Ram hopes to increase production with a new *factory in Bradford* West Yorkshire.

It looks as though Mr Rooney will be trying to consolidate the



Holden: new paint factory

group's popularity and there should be an announcement with the next full-year figures that the group is applying for a full listing. Details are expected tomorrow of a placing of shares in **Holden Hydroman**, which specializes in polyurethane *components for the motor* industry and aluminium components for the telecommunications and building industry.

Panmure Gordon will be arranging a placing of between 25 to 30 per cent of the equity, *valuing* the company at £3.5m.

Holden Hydroman was for*med* in 1969 by Mr *W. J.* "Bill" Holden and supplies fittings such as front grill sections, rear spoilers, spats and wheel arches to Austin *Rover for use* on the Metro, Maestro and Montego *models*.

The group, which operates from a 2.6 acre freehold site in Herefordshire, has seen pretax profits grow from £146,000 to £504,000 in five years, on turnover up from £1.42m to £3.56m.

The only hiccup in profits was in 1982 *when it* had to allow for exceptional costs of £204,000. But with the group's financial year ending in March it is unable to make a profits forecast for the present year. The other leg of the group's activities is its aluminium components business. It sup*plied all 10,000 window frames* for the Nat West Tower in the City.

About one million shares will be placed by Panmure, 400,000 of them new. The group hopes that the proceeds raised by the placing will be enough to finance a new specialist paint factory.

Also announcing its debut on the USM last week was **Steel Burrill Jones**, the Lloyd's marine reinsurance group. The *broker Sheppards & Chase*, will be placing 2.5 million shares, or 28.4 per cent of the total, at the 110p level, valuing the entire company at £9.8m. This puts the group on a prospective price earnings ratio of 9.8 after the *pretax profits forecast of £1.9m*. Last year and group made pretax profits of £1.3m.

The group became a Lloyd's broker in 1977 after receiving heavy financial backing from another Lloyd's broker, RW Sturge, for which it received a stake in the company.

Steel Burrill Jones bought out Sturge's for £1m last year.

Dealings in Steel Burrill are expected to start on Thursday.

One of last week's newcomers *was* **Brikat**, *the computer-re*lated accountancy group, which supplies computer hardware. The shares were placed by the broker Laing & Cruickshank at 140p and opened at 160p – a permium of 20p.

Michael Clark

Electrak investors raise further £3m

Electrak Holdings has raised a further £3m of equity capital in the City to mount a major *marketing and advertising* campaign.

The company was formed to manufacture Mr Marc Humphrey's Electrak power distribution system, which replaces complex wiring in buildings *with a continuous power track*, providing plug points where needed.

The extra money was arranged through the stockbroker James Capel, mostly from the same big investors who put up £5m to develop the product, setting up a factory at Consett, County *Durham*, which started assembling the strips and *special safe plugs* last September.

Backers include the Legal & General and Prudential assurance groups.

APPOINTMENTS

Peerless: **Mr Geoffrey Gahan** becomes a member of the Peerless group board and chairman of the Peerless Plas*tics Foam Moulding and Plastic* Packaging companies. **Mr Clive Jordan**, managing director of Peerless Stampings, also joins the main board. **Mr Godfrey Thompson** becomes chairman of BSK Aluminium, the Peerless aluminium die-casting subsidiary, in addition to his directorship of the three plastic companies. **Mr Bill Jordan** is made managing director of Peerless Plastics.

Public Relations Consultants Association: **Mr Douglas Smith** has been made chairman. He takes over from Mr Reginnald Watts, chairman of Burston-Marsteller, who has completed his term as association chair*man*.

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	9%
Barclays	9¼%
BCCI	9¼%
Citibank Savings †	9¾%
Consolidated Crds	9¼%
Continental Trust	9%
C. Hoare & Co	*9%
Lloyds Bank	9%
Midland Bank	9¼%
Nat Westminster	9%
TSB	9%
Williams & Glyn's	9¼%
Citibank NA	9¼%

† Mortgage Base Rate

* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000, 6%, £10,000 up to £50,000, 6¾%, £50,000 and over, 7¼%.





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ORDINARY SHARES

Shippers face mixed prospects

Dan White

In this column in March, we discussed the ambivalent attitude of investors towards the shipping industry. We pointed out that the leading stocks were pressing against their highs at a time when there was an increasing awareness of the financial problems being experienced by those smaller companies exposed to the bulk markets. This dichotomy has become more exaggerated.

In March, we wrote of the spread of over-tonnaging from the tanker sector into the dry bulk markets and the effect this was having on some smaller British companies such as Lyle Shipping and Reardon Smith. The effects are now very visible and we shall discuss these first before going on to contrast the experience of the smaller and exposed companies with the large groups in the industry.

In March, we argued that the *poison of the industry* is the extensive credit available to shipowners on subsidized terms and the vast excess capacity in shipbuilding. Combined, these ensure over-supply in most areas of the industry and owners are constantly being seduced into taking high financial risks as a result of the easy *loans so readily available*.

Two of the smaller quoted British companies having financial problems; Lyle Shipping and London & Overseas Freighters, are paying the penalties of over-ordering and over-borrowing to do so.

London & Overseas Freighters is trying to arrange the underwriting on a *rights issue* which its bankers have made a condition for a restructuring of the debt. The company ordered two products tankers in 1980 and these were delivered in 1982. They cost £34.25m and borrowings were about £28.75m.

These two ships are now worth only about £26m and, though they are profitable, they cannot service debt in full. The consequence has been to throw the balance sheet out of shape, especially when the depressed current value of the company's three other tankers is taken into account.

The share price therefore languishes at 14p or 80 per cent down from its highs of two years ago when it was thought that Malaysian-backed interests would make a fullscale bid for the company. It is now a matter of survival until the hoped for upswing in the tanker market, which looks at least a year away.

Lyle Shipping has just published its accounts and these contain a qualified auditors' report which states that "there is uncertainty regarding the extent to which the net book amount of the fleet and further costs in respect of new buildings will be recovered. Negotiations with the group's bankers are in progress to *secure further* payments in respect of new buildings to be made. *In the* absence of these facilities it is uncertain whether the group could meet these commitments and, in that event, continue to trade as a going concern. We are unable to predict whether these facilities will be secured". Again, it is a question of over-ordering and over-borrowing.

In 1981, the company ordered two 41,800-ton bulk carriers and these will cost more than £39m. They are probably worth about £21.5m now and, as with London & Overseas Freighters, the collapse in the value of the rest of the fleet means that the company's realizable net asset value has been seriously eroded.

Despite strenuous efforts to reduce operating costs, the company is now heavily dependent on its bankers to meet its commitments, as the auditors suggest. The shares languish at low levels as a consequence. The moral is clear: it is unwise to borrow extensively against assets with highly volatile characteristics.

Sealink's privatization is causing a stir in the industry

The Government has also featured prominently in relation to the industry in recent months. First, there was the Budget with its reductions of capital allowances and the corporation tax rate, which is an *adverse development for the* industry as is the abolition of relief on the earnings of British residents working overseas. The latter will affect seafarers and both will make the British flag even more competitive. If, as seems probable, the industry's lobbying to be considered a special case is unsuccessful, then a further reduction of the British fleet must follow.

The privatization of Sealink is also causing a stir. P & O has not been allowed to bid on the grounds that there is not enough time for the Monopolies *Commission to consider* whether the merger of Sealink with *its own ferries operations* would constitute a monopoly. This is a typical piece of mandarin-contorted reasoning and is hardly fair to P & O. The four remaining contenders are Ellerman, Sea Containers, Trafalgar House and a consortium consisting of the National Freight Corporation, James *Fisher, two powerful financial* institutions and the management of Sealink. Any one could win.

If Trafalgar House were to *bid successfully for Sealink*, then it would cause itself complications were it to try again for P & O. Trafalgar has produced very good interim *figures and looks well set for a* good profits increase for the year. It also retains its shareholding in P & O and says that it "continues to bear in mind the possibility of renewing the bid in the light of the best long-term interests of our shareholders." If it does buy Sealink, *then a further bid for* P & O would presumably involve a further reference to the Monopolies Commission in respect of the ferries operation. Trafalgar's *interest in P & O came to* light a year ago and all the signs are that this will turn out to be a very protracted affair.

The pressure remains very much on the *P & O* management, led by the highly capable Mr Sterling, and we can expect to see action over the next several months, probably in the form of disposals of assets surplus to the mainstream business.

P & O, anyway, is set to report sharply higher profits this year, which may seem strange in the context of the fortunes of *the smaller companies* but the point is that P & O is largely invested in the more prosperous areas of shipping, such as cruise, ferries and container shipping, or it is *diversified* into such areas a housebuilding, oil trading, road transport, property and banking. More than that, the group has been for some while working to reduce its debt with some considerably success.

All the other leading companies *have followed* similar policies of diversification and debt reduction. Ocean Transport was perhaps the most dramatic, with its sale of its *Singapore subsidiary*, Straits Steam Ship, for £88m in 1983. Ocean is capitalized only at £141m. It is now concentrating on developing its Cory business within its new-found *financial* freedom and is set to return a useful level of profits in 1984 after being only marginally profitable in 1983.

British & Commonwealth has been diversifying for years with great success overall and its financial policy has always been conservative. The figures are due in the middle of next month and should be very satisfactory.

European Ferries bucks the trend among the majors in that it is divesting itself of those activities which lie outside its three main areas of activity: ferries, ports and property development in Britain and US. The sale of Singer & Friedlander and other smaller diversifications such as TV South have, however, helped strengthen the group's financial balances (which were pretty conservative anyway) ahead of a probable £140m investment in ports and ferries.

The company reported excellent profits for *1983* recently and is well set for a substantial increase in profits this year, with British and American property interests putting in *usefully higher* contributions. The proposed scheme to stop the growth of ordinary shareholders mainly invested to obtain the reduced ferry fare *perks has met with some* adverse comment, some of it ill-informed, but the terms seem fair and are in the best interests of the company.

Not all successful diversification and conservative funding is to be found in the leading companies. A prime example of smaller commpany in this position is *Ropner Holdings*, where debt ratios remain very conservative and diversification has been into electronics, gardening equipment and property deveolpment. After a poor 1983, largely thanks to the deferral of profits on the Ptarmigan project on the electronics side and on property development, 1984 should see a sharp recovery. This will continue *into 1985 and profits* could move very much higher if there is a good recovery in the dry bulk markets. Meanwhile, the shares are conservatively valued.

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COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

● METAMEC JENTIQUE: Half-year to Dec 31, 1983. No *interim payment (same)*. Turnover £4.81m). Pretax loss £494,000 (loss £439,000). Sales in the first few months of 1984 remain below expectations, but *both group companies are now* working full-time. Benefits of the reappraisal of the activities of both companies are starting to show progress, which has enabled the group to maintain the support of its bankers.

● *COUNTY BANK is* launching the County Bank Second Business Expansion Fund. Subscriptions, of between £2,000 and £40,000, are invited in the period May 18 to June 22, 1984. This second fund is intended to be fully invested in the 1984-85 tax year.

● THOMSON T-LINE: Mr David Thomson, chairman, reports in his annual statement that the current year has started with an increased number of serious enquiries which suggests better prospects of further disposals of surplus fixed assets.

● EXECUTEX CLOTHES: Results for 1983. Turnover *£3.91m (£3.27m)*. Pretax profit £206,000 (£46,000). No dividend (same).

● ALLEBONE & SONS (footwear): Mr Alan Allebone, chairman, reports in his annual statement that 1983-84's expan*sion programme involved capi*tal expenditure of more than £1m, which was largely funded by the sale of surplus properties. A similar level of expansion is planned for the current year.

● GEORGE SPENCER: Dividend for 1983 unchanged at 0.1p net a share. Turnover £9.89m (£11.58m). Pretax loss doubled to *£1.01m*, against loss of £504,000 last time.

● WITAN INVESTMENT: Year to April 30, 1984. Total dividend 2.55p (2.25p). Earnings, after tax, £4.59m (£4.04m).

● LONDON PRUDENTIAL *INVESTMENT TRUST: Year* to April 30, 1984. Net income £347,000 (£328,000). Total dividend 5.8p (5.5p).

● CHAMBERLIN AND HILL: Year to March 31, 1984. Turnover £9.97m (£9.62m). Pretax *profit* £463,000 (£275,000). Total dividend 3.1p (2.9p).

FOOTBALL: CONTROVERSY THE SEQUEL TO ENGLISH AND SCOTTISH CUP FINALS

The blue horizon of Everton is blindingly bright

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Everton ... 2
Watford ... 0

It has taken the Fates three years to weave a patriotic flag. In giving Tottenham Hotspur, Manchester United and Everton a practice match at Wembley in March, and taking away the captain of their opponents in May, they have helped to tie red-white-and-blue ribbons to the FA Cup and sent the trio to wave the Union Jack in Europe.

Such an astonishing sequence seems almost too neat to be accurate, but it is no exaggeration to say that fortune has chosen to ignore *the losers in* each of the finals. In 1982 the resurgence of Queen's Park Rangers was halted by the woodwork. In 1983 the ambitions of Brighton died at the feet of Smith.

In 1984 the hopes of Watford were *broken within an hour*. From the first minute, when Barnes gave Southall an opportunity to illustrate his agility, to the thirtyseventh, when Taylor *escaped through the fourth hole* to be ripped in Everton's protective fencing, they looked ready to wear an unexpectedly triumphant smile by the end of *the afternoon*.

Their supporters, dressed as vividly as a sunlit field of red and yellow tulips, had seen Barnes (twice), Johnston and *Taylor bursting through alone* towards them. Regularly accustomed to such sights at Vicarage Road, they would have expected at least one of those runs *to finish with a goal. None did.* Three efforts were blocked, the other was inaccurate.

In the next minute, Everton took the lead through a touch of *luck*. The ball bounced off the outstretched legs of Stevens and Barnes, and ricochetted straight to Sharp, not the most reliable of Everton's marksmen, who was only marginally on-side. In turning and scoring off a post, he lived up more to his name than his reputation.

After Southall, pulling down Jackett's dangerous chip with one hand, had strengthened his claim to be the most improved, if not the best, *goalkeeper in the* country, Sherwood confirmed the fear that he would be one of Watford's main weaknesses. Even so, many referees would not have allowed Everton's second goal to stand.

The loss of the suspended Rostron was to prove even more substantial than expected. His understudy, the hapless Price, lent neither support in attack *nor could* he cope with his immediate foe, whether he had an "S" on the end of his name or not. Steven and Stevens were to cause irreparable damage on the right.

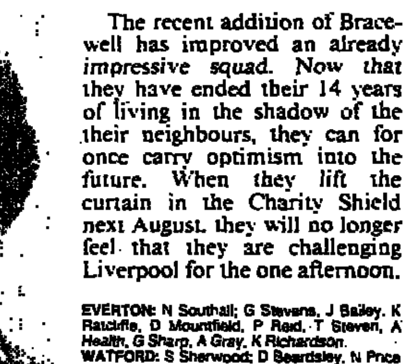
Had Rostron been there, for instance, Steven would not have been able to cross so freely as in the fifty-second minute. Although Sherwood was not helped by the presence of Terry, his own centre-half, he should still have been positive enough to gather it cleanly. Gray's *untidy challenge* did little to clear up the ensuing mess.

The contribution of Callaghan was equally decisive. It was almost negligible. Bailey will take some credit for that, but it was nevertheless disturbing to see England's potential right winger fail even to attempt to take on his full back. When Callaghan produced his lone threatening centre, from deep and 10 *minutes* from time, Johnston was ruled off-side.

Graham Taylor remained philosophical in defeat. His side, the youngest ever to appear in the *final, had not only* provided their followers with a day to *remember*, but also gained the experience of a lifetime. He had no right to expect his rebuilding programme to finish at Wembley, but, *having done so*, he can look forward to reaping the rewards next season.

Everton's horizon, so dark in December, is also dazzlingly bright. Howard Kendall, the youngest manager to triumph in the final, has watched his team emerge so rapidly that, since the turn of the year, they have surpassed even Liverpool for consistent success.

The recent addition of Bracewell has improved an already *impressive squad. Now that* they have ended their 14 years of living in the shadow of the their neighbours, they can for once carry optimism into the future. When they *lift* the curtain in the Charity Shield next August, they will no longer feel that they are challenging Liverpool for the one afternoon.

Southall: improved

EVERTON: N Southall; G Stevens, J Bailey, K Ratcliffe, D Mountfield, P Reid, T Steven, A Health, G Sharp, A Gray, K Richardson.
WATFORD: S Sherwood; D Beardsley, N Price (sub: P Atkinson), L Taylor, S Terry, L Sinnott, N Callaghan, M Johnston, G Reilly, K Jackett, J Barnes.
Referee: J Hunting (Leicester).



Gray has scored, and Watford are down and out

Gray blameless in goal controversy

By David Miller

It is being argued by Graham Taylor that a refereeing decision unfairly determined the result of the Cup final. I agree, but with regard to the referee whose dismissal of the Watford captain, Rostron, cost him his place at Wembley, rather than John Hunting's acceptance of Gray's critical second goal. There is no comparison between this incident and Lofthouse, of Bolton Wanderers, barging Gregg, of Manchester United, in the back in the 1958 final.

Watching the match, the TV, *and then still pictures*, I am convinced it was the uncertain Sherwood's bad luck in a legitimate challenge. He was groping backwards above his head for Steven's cross, which was never in his grasp, as Gray took off to attempt to head: the collision was legal. Whether Sherwood was Knocked, or the ball came off Gray's head or shoulder, is debatable, yet I am convinced that Gray was attempting to play the ball within his rights.

In 1958, in contrast, Gregg had the ball, was then charged *between the shoulder blades by* Lofthouse, and the impact bounced the ball out of his arms. Lofthouse had no chance to play the ball, as Gray did.

But the real danger to Watford lay in the way Reid, Heath and Steven were exposing the young deputy left back, Price. With Rostron playing, Watford might have settled it in the first half-hour

It will also continue to be argued whether Watford's long-ball game at last came unstuck. The final did not invalidate Taylor's six-year triumph: his young team played, for them, badly on the day, *none more so* than the England candidate, Callaghan. The long-ball game has to be balanced with the short ball, and it was here *Watford gave away possession* a hundred times in the match.

Nor can the long-ball game be judged merely by Watford's success or failure – if indeed, going *from the fourth division* to Wembley is not sufficient success. The argument is whether teams with better players than they have would be even more successful if they employed more astutely the long ball.

What we can say is that Watford helped give us a final which, though lacking real quality, was never defensive or *uneventful. It also showed that* rival supporters can be humorous and civil. I will certainly vote for Howard Kendall as Bell's manager of the Year, *after his remarkable Goodison* renaissance.

Celtic's double protest to SFA

By Hugh Taylor

Aberdeen ... 2
Celtic ... 1
(After extra time. Score after 90 minutes 1–1)

This Scottish Cup Final will go down in history as perhaps the most controversial of all. What, unfortunately, will not be remembered *is that it gave high promise of* becoming one of the greatest since the tournament began 99 years ago.

For 39 minutes the two most formidable rivals on the Scottish scene provided crisp, attractive, fast and exciting play, in splendid contrast to the petulant feuding and crunching marking which had characterized their previous six meetings.

Entertainment became even more engrossing when Aberdeen opened the scoring through Black in 24 *minutes*. Celtic *were obviously* annoyed that the referee allowed the goal because the scorer looked *suspiciously offside*; but they refused to be frustrated and attacked with such spirit that it seemed an equalizer was bound to come.

What came instead in that thirty-ninth minute was disaster for Celtic. Aitken, their uncompromising defender, sent McGhee, Aberdeen's most menacing attacker, flying with a fierce tackle. Whether or not the referee was right to order the Celt off is something which will be debated for years.

Aitken was only the second player to be dismissed in a Scottish Cup Final and many felt that a caution for a tackle which may have been more clumsy than vicious would have been severe enough. There can be little doubt that the harsh decision knocked the heart out of the game. Never again did it glitter.

Celtic's 10 men fought bravely, the splendid Paul McStay scoring a fine, dramatic equalizer in the eighty-first minute.

In the closing period Aberdeen took full advantage of their superiority in numbers to assume command and score the winner through the astute McGhee, who was named man of the match, probably his last honour with Aberdeen *before he leaves for* Hamburg.

There was heightened drama after the game when the Celtic Manager, David Hay, accused Ernest Walker, the SFA secretary, of putting undue pressure on the referee by instructing him before the kick-off to tell both teams to play in such a sporting manner as to make the final a showpiece.

The Celtic board have complained to the SFA, not only about their secretary, but also about the referee's handling of the game, in *which six players were booked* as well as Aitken sent off.

Aberdeen just deserved their win, which enables them to become the only club other than Rangers to win the Scottish Cup three times in a row.

ABERDEEN: J Leighton; S McKimmie, D Rougvie (sub, W Stark), N Cooper, A McLeish, W Miller, G Strachan, N Simpson, M McGhee, E Black, P Weir (sub, D Bell).
CELTIC: P Bonner; D McGrain, M Reid (sub, J Melrose), R Aitken, W McStay, M MacLeod, D Provan, P McStay, F McGarvey, T Burns, B McClair (sub, G Sinclair)
Referee: R Valentine (Dundee).

Aitken: ordered off

Worthington is released

Frank Worthington, the former England centre forward is one of two players given a free transfer by Southampton. The other is Alan Knill, a Welsh youth international

● Micky Thomas, the Chelsea midfield player, is injured and has withdrawn from the Welsh squad for tomorrow's match against Northern Ireland at Swansea. His place goes to Glyn Hodges, of Wimbledon.

● Mark Wright, Southampton's England defender, has been voted young player of the year in the awards sponsored by Robinson's Barley Water. Bobby Robson who charied the panel which nominated Writht, said: "He is tall and *commanding in the* air and an excellent header of the ball. Furthermore, his ability on the *ground as a footballing centre* half in our first division is second to none.

Italy gain vote over Soviet rival

Zurich (Reuter) – Italy were awarded the 1990 World Cup finals by the International Football Federation (FIFA) executive committee on Saturday. The Soviet Union were the only other applicants.

Italy were tipped as likely hosts, after the Soviet Union's withdrawal from the Olympic Games. But the FIFA president, Joao Havelange, of Brazil, said at a news conference after the meeting that he did not think this was the reason for the decision.

The committee decided to hold a secret ballot, from which Italy emerged as the clear choice with the maximum 16 votes. Italy had previously hosted the event in 1934.

Matches during the 1986 World Cup finals in Mexico will be played *in 12 stadiums, with the final at the* Aztec Stadium in Mexico City on June 29. Irapuato has been selected as the twelfth stadium in preference of Veracruz. The cities hosting the 1986 event will be Mexico City, Guadalajara, Monterey Toluca, Leon and Puebla. The final decision on the use of the Aztec Stadium had been reached only a few days ago.

Mr Havelange said that the executive had spent much time studying player and spectator violence. It was decided to form a special commission which will report to the executive meeting in December when definite sanctions will be discussed in an attempt to combat the increasing problem.

BOXING

New date for Holmes's title contest

The heavyweight title bout between Larry Holmes and Gerrie Coetzee, of South Africa has been postponed from June 8 to July 6. *The contest will be held at the* University of Nevada campus.

Gerry Cooney, who has not boxed *since suffering his only loss to* Holmes almost two years ago, returns to the ring on July 23. He meets the unbeaten American Philip Brown. The undisputed world middleweight champion, Marvin Hagler, whose dreams of a bumper payday dissolved when Sugar Ray *Leonard retired* last week, has postponed his July 20 title bout against Mustafa Hamsho.

The World Boxing Council featherweight champion Wilfredo Gomez, of Puerto Rico and the official challenger Azumah Nelson, of Ghana have failed to agree on a promoter for their title bout. The WBC said yesterday that the bout would be put to tender in Miami on May 25.

RUGBY UNION

Defensive uncertainty tempers win

From David Hands
Rugby Correspondent, Durban

Currie Cup B XV ... 21
England XV ... 31

South Africa will stage their trial *today with at least some impression* of the Rugby their opponents in the two internationals may produce. Ian *Kirkpatrick, the South African* rugby board's director of coaching, and representatives of both the teams for the matches watched England open their tour at King's Park on Saturday with a win by three goals, a try and three penalty goals to three goals and a penalty.

As the score suggests, the select team gave their opponents some uncomfortable moments. But it is to the credit of this young and largely untried England party that they retained their composure and scored some excellent tries. In the first game of any tour a win is enough; *if a side can win with a* suggestion of style, that is all to the good.

The main areas which England will work on in training today, before the announcement of the team to *play the South African* Rugby Federation on Wednesday, will be the scrummage and the midfield defence. *Of these the* midfield is the more worrying: there is a limit to the scrummage capability of this side but there is no reason why the threequarters' defence should not become more secure.

Dodge, upon whom much will depend and who could *well appear* in most of the games, had a quiet match. He is still feeling his way back into representative rugby after his mishaps of the domestic season: *though there remains no doubt* about the quality of his support work.

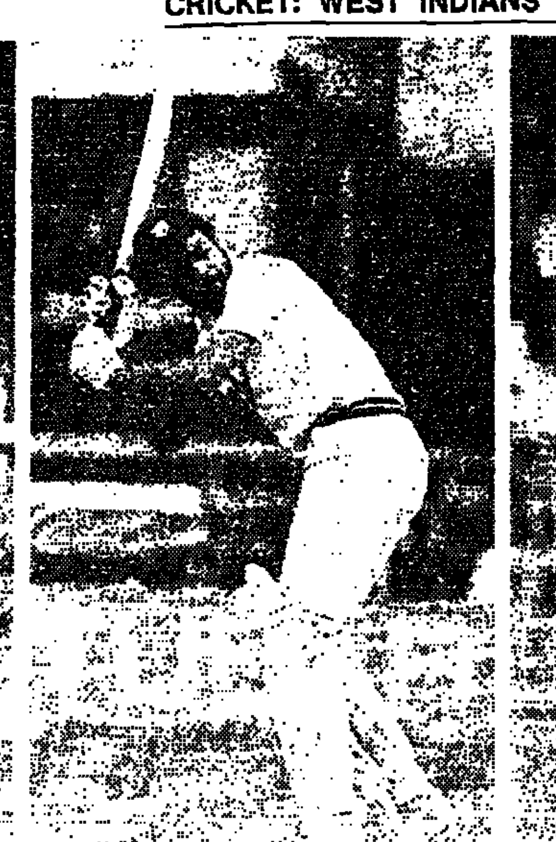
There were *missed tackles from* all three midfield men, and it was significant that Derck Morgan, the team's manager appeared for the post-match conference carrying a tackle shield.

The front row seemed uncomfortale and the Currie Cup side crabbed *the scrum with some ease in the* second half. Blakeway is still to come of course and it remains to be seen on which side of the scrum he will prove the more valuable. The bonus on Saturday was the work of *the* back row: Hall had an outstanding match and the possibilities that Butcher presents are encouraging.

Confidence is essential to England and they will feel encouraged by the fine work which led to their last try. Palmer, Hill, Butcher and Dodge were involved, with Hall going over

Scorers: Currie Cup Selection: Tries: Prins, Tobias, Els. Conversions: Visagie (3). Penalty: Visagie. England XV: Stringer (3). Penalties: Stringer (3).
CURRIE CUP XV: H Reece-Edwards (Natal), D Prins (Griq West), F Marlee (Boland), J Els (ETvl), B Terblanche (WTvl), E Tobias (Boland), G Visagie (Natal), G Downes (Natal), R Hankinson (Natal), J Volschenck (ETvl), H du Troit (Boland), D Badenhorst (Griq West), J Lotter (Griq West), D Lotter (Griq West), E le Roux (ETvl Capt)
ENGLAND: N Stringer (Wasps); M Bailey (Wasps), J Palmer (Bath), P Dodge (Leicester), D Trick (Bath), J Horton (Bath), R Hill (Bath), P Rendell (Wasps), S Mills (Gloucester), G Pearce (Northampton), J Hall (Bath), J Scott (Cardiff, Capt), J Fidler (Gloucester), G Rees (Nottingham), C Butcher (Harlequins)
Referee: S Strydom (Orange Free State)

CRICKET: WEST INDIANS MAKE THE MOST OF A RAIN-AFFECTED DAY


Dujon in flow yesterday: quickness of foot, good wrists and ample confidence (Photographs: Chris Cole)

Dujon seizes chance to reveal his talent

By John Woodcock
Cricket Correspondent

WORCESTER: Worcestershire, with all first innings wickets in hand, are 396 runs behind the West Indians.

There was only the morning's cricket at Worcester yesterday. Rain, setting in at lunchtime, had become heavy by three o'clock and the ground was empty by teatime. To allow everyone a knock, the West Indians, who are being captained by Richards, had begun the day by batting on for 75 minutes, which gave Dujon the chance to reach a delightful 50.

Dujon conbines all the natural qualities of the best West Indian batsmen – quickness of foot and eye, good wrists, an abundance of strokes and ample confidence. It could be, though, that if they are consistently to get the best out of him as a batsman, someone else will have, one day, to take over behind the stumps. He has the talent to bat at No 4, but it is difficult to do that after spending long hours keeping wicket.

A good crowd were delightfully entertained by Dujon yesterday as they waited for what they had come to see, the great fast bowlers in action. Three West Indian wickets fell. Harper lost his off stump aiming to drive; Garner, after making a rapid 29, was bowled trying to hit Illingworth into orbit; and Holding was stumped. In the 35 minutes to lunch Garner bowled five overs and Holding four, and Curtis survived a nasty blow in the box from a ball from Garner.

I had a letter recently form C.L.R. James, some of whose writing on the evolution of West Indian cricket has been brillantly articulate. It was concise. "Garner is not, I repeat not, a fast bowler." I took his point. The phalanx of West Indian fast bowlers is not six strong, *as is being said, because* one of those bowls at medium pace.

Well, yesterday Garner bowled genuinely fast. Dujon stood a long way back to him a there were times, even then, when he had to hurry. Garner has just taken 31 wickets at only 16 apiece in five Test matches against Australia, most of them in the first half of the order. In Australia earlier in the winter he had trouble with a knee. Now that he is fit again he is still, in every sense, a tremendous bowler.

At 31, he shows no signs of retiring. Holding, on the other hand, does. Now 30, he is thinking in terms of only one more tour, to Australia later this year. Knee trouble has prevented him from bowling off a full run for the last two or three years, but he has such a wonderful natural rhythm and so lithe a figure that the occasional ball is lightning fast. When Curtis and Weston went in yesterday, they knew they would need courage and probably luck to get through to lunch. In the event, they had both.

At the start of the month the square at Worcester was a great worry. But eight days ago the groundsman produced a strip of it on which Nottinghamshire and Worcestershire scored 483 *runs while losing only six* wickets in a Sunday league match, and they are using it again for this present game. That is good progress.

The West Indians will know not to expect many fast pitches on their tour here. On this one their batsmen have got them away with a good, old-fashioned total, ablbeit one that was heavily dependent on their opening pair.

WEST INDIES: First innings

C G Greenidge c Weston b Patel	138
D L Haynes c d'Oliveira b Patel	89
R B Richardson b Inchmore	19
*I V A Richards c and b Inchmore	12
A L Logie l-b-w b Inchmore	2
†P J Dujon not out	52
E A Baptiste c Pridgeon b Warner	6
R A Harper b Pridgeon	42
J Garner b Illingworth	29
M A Holding st Humphries b Illingworth	0
C A Walsh not out	2
Extras (l-b 19, n-b 2)	21
Total (9 wkts dec)	412

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–206, 2–257, 3–268, 4–272, 5–279, 6–295, 7–351, 8–396, 9–402.

BOWLING: Pridgeon 36–8–94–1; Warner 20–2–87–1; Inchmore 28–5–91–3; Illingworth 24–6–75–2; Patel 8–0–43–2.

WORCESTERSHIRE: First innings

M J Weston not out	4
T S Curtis not out	11
Extras (n-b 1)	1
Total (no wkt, 9 overs)	16

*P A Neale, D M Smith, D B d'Oliveira, †D J Humphries, D N Patel, R K Illingworth, J D Inchmore, A P Pridgeon and A E Warner to bat.

BOWLING: Garner 5–3–11–0; Holding 4–3–4–0.

Umpires: H D Bird and D O Oslear.

Safety in calculated risks

By Ivo Tennant

Three of the counties which reached the Benson and Hedges quarter-finals did so with the assistance of slide rules. One of them **Lancashire**, qualified after losing to **Derbyshire**, a side their equal in games won . Morsels for the mathematicians indeed.

Is cricket becoming over-burdened with opaque rulings? Or is it that standards have levelled out? Whatever, it is crystal clear that Yorkshire's lot is a happier one. An unbeaten century by Boycott gave them victory over **Northamptonshire** and a place, along with **Warwickshire** from group A, in the quarter-finals.

Warwickshire, who beat **Scotland** thanks, in the main, to a Humpage hundred, and **Essex**, for whom Fletcher was back among the runs im their win against **Hampshire**, had alredy qualified, as had Somerset, who were under the lash in the one county championship game of the day. Whitaker made a maiden century for **Leicestershire**.

Others to go through were **Sussex**, who scraped a victory over **Kent**, and **Nottinghamshire**, for whom Hadlee was altogether too much for **Minor Counties**. The number of times he beat the bat without inducing an edge was astonishing. Against batsmen of a calibre good enough to touch the ball, he might have returned even better figures than 11-5-8-1.

The most *unlikely qualifiers* were **Surrey**, who had hitherto managed only a one wicket win over Combined Universities. Needing to bowl out **Gloucestershire** in 54.1 overs, they *did so in 51.3.*

BENSON & HEDGES TABLES AND SCORES

Qualifiers for quarter-finals: Warwickshire, Yorkshire, Nottinghamshire, Lancashire, Sussex, Somerset, Essex and Surrey.

SECTION A:

	P	W	L	Pts
Warwickshire	4	4	0	8
Yorkshire	4	3	1	6
Leicestershire	4	2	2	4
Northamptonshire	4	1	3	2
Scotland	4	0	4	0

SECTION B:

	P	W	L	Pts
Nottinghamshire	4	3	1	6
Lancashire	4	3	1	6
Derbyshire	4	3	1	6
Worcestershire	4	1	3	2
Minor Counties	4	0	4	0

SECTION C:

	P	W	L	Pts
Sussex	4	3	1	6
Somerset	4	3	1	6
Kent	4	2	2	4
Glamorgan	4	1	3	2
Middlesex	4	1	3	2

SECTION D:

	P	W	L	Pts
Essex	4	4	0	8
Surrey	4	2	2	4
Hampshire	4	2	2	4
Gloucestershire	4	1	3	2
Comb Universities	4	1	3	2

DERBY: Derbyshire 210 for 8. Lancashire 165 for 9 (G Fowler 92). Derbyshire won by 45 runs. Gold award. R Finney (Derbyshire).

CARDIFF: Middlesex 163 (52.2 overs, W W Davis 5 for 29). Glamorgan 165 for 3 (51.4 overs; J A Hopkins 62 not out). Glamorgan won by 7 wickets. Gold award: Davis (Glamorgan).

SOUTHAMPTON: Essex 254 for 4 (K W R Fletcher 76, D R Pringle 51 not out, G A Gooch 51). Hampshire 227 for 8 (V P Terry 72; Pringle 4 for 46). Essex won by 27 runs. Gold award: Pringle (Essex).

TRENT BRIDGE: Minor Counties 139 for 8 (C E B Rice 5 for 29). Nottinghamshire 140 for 6 (38.5 overs; R J Hadlee 67 not out; D Surridge 4 for 26). Nottinghamshire won by 4 wickets. Gold award. Hadlee (Notts).

THE OVAL: Surrey 202 (G S Clinton 94). Gloucester 164 (51.3 overs). Surrey won by 38 runs. Gold award: Clinton (Surrey).

HOVE: Kent 227 for 7 (G W Johnson 60). Sussex 230 for 9 (54.5 overs; C M Wells 60, P W G Parker 57 not out). Sussex won by 1 wicket. *Gold award: C M Wells (Sussex).*

EDGBASTON: Warwickshire 262 for 7 (G W Humpage 100 not out, C M Old 57; W A McPate 4 for 54). Scotland 133 (53.1 overs; Old 5 for 19). Warwickshire won by 129 runs. Gold award: Old (Warwicks).

BRADFORD: Northamptonshire 251 for 7 (A J Lamb 92, R J Bailey 75). Yorkshire 252 for 3 (53.3 overs, G Boycott 106, K Sharp 87 not out). Yorkshire won by 7 wickets. Gold award: Boycott (Yorks).

● Winners gain two points.

County Championship

LEICESTER: Leicestershire 318 (87.3 overs; J J Whitaker 160, G J Parsons 55; M D Crowe 5 for 66). Somerset 84 for 2 (26 overs). *Bonus points: Leicestershire 4, Somerset 4.*

Larkins and the boys have fun

By Marcus Williams

NORTHAMPTON: No result (Northamptonshire 2pts, Warwickshire 2).

Persistent rain, which allowed less than an hour and a half's play, finally put paid to what had promised to be an interesting match

Spectators did at last have the entertainment of a fine 69 off 83 balls from Larkins, who pulled Small and Willis for sixes

The rain was not enough to discourage the boys from their games on the outfield,but even they *were forced to give up when play* was called off at 5.20.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

D J Wild run out	10
W Larkins b Ferreira	69
A J Lamb b Old	8
R J Bailey c Humpage b Ferreira	1
R G Williams not out	20
*G Sharp not out	1
Extras (b 3, w 3, n-b 1)	7
Total (4 wkts, 24.4 overs)	118

D S Steele, N A Mallender, A Walker, R W Hanley and B J Griffiths did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–38, 2–59, 3–59, 4–113.

BOWLING: Old 8–0–30–1; Ferreira 8–1–38–2; Small 4–0–12–0; Willis 4.4–0–31–0.

WARWICKSHIRE: D L Amiss, T A Lloyd, A I Kallicharran, †G W Humpage, Asif Din, P A Smith, A M Ferreira, C M Old, G C Small, N Gifford and *R G D Willis.

Umpires. J Birkenshaw and B Dudleston.

Bonus points: Northants 2, Warwickshire 2.

Gower times his return to perfection

David Gower, despite not being fully match fit, made a timely return to cricket yesterday, captaining Leicestershire in their John Player League match against Somerset. England's selectors pick their captain for the three one-day Texaco matches against West Indies this week (Ivo Tennant writes).

Gower has been out of action for three weeks owing to blood poisoning. He went in at first wicket down for Leicestershire and was undefeated on 14 when rain brought an end to his rehabilitation and, indeed, the match.

Derbyshire beat Lancashire for the second time over the weekend at Derby. They won by six wickets with five overs to spare, dismissing Lancashire for 133. Abrahams, who needed dental treatment after being hit in the mouth on Saturday, held his side together with 38. Barnett, *Miller* and Fowler were among the runs for Derbyshire, Roberts having been among the wickets.

At Sophia Gardens, heavy showers brought and early end to *Glamorgan's* match with Middlesex. Glamorgan had progressed to 64 for three off 18.2 overs. Jones was taken to hospital for an X-ray after he, too, was struck in the mouth, by Cowans.

Problems posed by Hull wicket

By Peter Ball

Hull: Nottinghamshire (4 pts) beat Yorkshire by 19 runs.

Despite the dull, cold day on Humberside, there were almost 4,000 people at Anlaby Circle, testifying to the East Riding's enghusiasm. The new county *chairman, Reg Kirk, is* the area's representative on the committee, and as well as supporting Boycott he also promised his constituents during the recent elections to try to restore championship cricket to Hull.

If he succeeds, unless the facilities are much improved, it will not be greeted with much pleasure by the scorers and the press, nor, if yesterday's pitch is a representative sample, by the batsmen. Carrick on occasion made the ball turn square, as did Hemmings: Rice, Broad and *Randall* all departed casting rueful backward glances after being undone on the back foot by balls which kept low, or, in Broad's case, did not get up at all.

This is not to say that it was impossible to play strokes, as Broad and Lumb were to demonstrate.

There was no sign of terrors to come during Broad's innings. Nottinghamshire's new recruit had begun the season in form, and his timing was notable yesterday as runs came freely. His 50 came up in 14 overs out of 75, and with Rice *beginning to settle, Nottinghamshire* looked like setting a difficult target.

Stevenson was to change things considerably as he found a spot from which to hurry the ball through, and he removed both batsmen in his second over. The psychological effect was important, their successors approaching the wicket with suspicion and soon finding reason for it.

The manner in which Lumb and Moxon began Yorkshire's reply suggested that the problems posed by the wicket had been overrated. Lumb, replacing the injured Boycott for his first Sunday league game for over a year, drove and glanced handsomely and appeared firmly in command until Hemmings came on

Lumb top-edged. Sharp and Bairstow swep to their peril, and Stevenson, whose hitting could yet have won the game, was stumped yards from home off the off spinner's penultimate ball. *That still* left Love, another essentially front foot player, who had driven hard and straight, but Hadlee's return immediately accounted for him

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

B C Broad b Stevenson	54
R T Robinson c Metcalfe b Carrick	19
*C E B Rice b Stevenson	4
J D Birch c Metcalfe b Stevenson	32
D W Randall l-b-w b Moxon	11
R J Hadlee c Moxon b Stevenson	19
B Hassan not out	14
†B N French c Metcalfe b Dennis	3
E E Hemmings not out	5
Extras (l-b 7, w 1)	8
Total (7 wkts, 38 overs)	169

K Saxelby and K E Cooper did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–87, 2–78, 3–79, 4–107, 5–143, 6–151, 7–156.

BOWLING: Oldham 8-0-38-0, Dennis 6-0-27-1, Swallow 4-0-31-0, Carrick 8-0-20-1, Stevenson 8-0-29-4, Moxon 4-0-16-1.

YORKSHIRE

R G Lumb c French b Hemmings	39
M D Moxon c Cooper b Saxelby	15
K Sharp st French b Hemmings	7
*†D L Bairstow c Broad b Hemmings	14
J D Love b Hadlee	28
G B Stevenson st French b Hemmings	12
P Carrick b Rice	1
A A Metcalfe l-b-w b Rice	6
I G Swallow run out	2
S J Dennis c French b Rice	7
S Oldham not out	5
Extras (b 7, l-b 5, w 1, n-b 1)	14
Total (38.1 overs)	150

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–49, 2–64, 3–74, 4–111, 5–125, 6–129, 7–133, 8–138, 9–145, 10–150.

BOWLING: Hadlee 7–1–16–1; Cooper 6–0–31–0; Saxelby 8–0–26–1; Rice 7.1–1–31–3; Hemmings 8–1–32–4.

Umpires: J Jameson and N T Plews.

OTHER JOHN PLAYER SCOREBOARDS

Derbyshire v Lancs

At Derby

LANCASHIRE

G Fowler c W Fowler b Finney	1
S J O'Shaughnessy b Newman	3
*J Abrahams b Miller	38
D P Hughes st Taylor b Moir	6
†C Maynard b Finney	26
M H Fairbrother c Taylor b Roberts	3
S T Jefferies c Taylor b Roberts	1
J Simmons c Taylor b Newman	18
N V Radford c Barnett b Roberts	4
P J W Allott not out	3
M Watkinson c Barnett b Roberts	5
Extras (b 5, l-b 13, w 5, n-b 2)	25
Total (38.2 overs)	133

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–7, 2–10, 3–48, 4–78, 5–97, 6–100, 7–102, 8–120, 9–129, 10–133.

BOWLING: Finney 8–3–17–2; Newman 7–1–19–2; Moir 8–1–25–1; Miller 8–2–18–1; Roberts 7.2–0–20–4.

Derbyshire (4pts) won by 6 wkts.

DERBYSHIRE

J G Wright l-b-w b Arlott	0
*K J Barnett b Radford	44
A Hill b Radford	26
J E Morris b Simmons	4
G Miller not out	29
W P Fowler not out	26
Extras (b 1, l-b 2, w 2, n-b 2)	7
Total (4 wkts, 35 overs)	136

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–1, 2–71, 3–76, 4–82.

BOWLING: Allott 8–1–26–1; Jefferies *8–1–36–0; Watkinson 5–0–26–0;* Radford 8–0–21–2; Simmons 6–0–20–1.

Umpires: R Julian and B Leadbeater.

Leics v Somerset

At Leicester

SOMERSET: First innings

P M Roebuck B Cook	31
N F M Popplewell c Garnham b Agnew	16
B C Rose b Cook	35
M D Crowe c Garnham b Parsons	27
*I T Botham run out	1
V J Marks l-b-w b Taylor	19
J W Lloyds run out	4
G V Palmer not out	32
T Gard c Haysman b Taylor	11
C H Dredge not out	3
Extras (b 1, l-b 3, w 4, n-b 2)	
Total (8 wkts, 40 overs)	1189

M R Davis did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–38, 2–77, 3–94, 4–95, 5–124, 6–130, 7–148, 8–181.

BOWLING: Taylor 8-8-38-2, Agnew 8-0-46-1, Cook 8-0-30-2, Parsons 8-1-33-1, Willey 8-0-32-0.

LEICESTERSHIRE

I P Butcher l-b-w b Botham	1
N E Briers not out	6
*D I Gower not out	14
Extras (w 1)	1
Total (1 wkt, 7.1 overs)	22

P Willey, M A Haysman, J J Whitaker, †M A Garnham, G J Parsons, N G B Cook, J P Agnew and L B Taylor did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–2.

BOWLING: Botham 3–0–4–1; Davis 3.1–1–8–0; Dredge 1–0–9–0.

Umpires: A Jepson and B J Meyer.

Match abandoned: Leicestershire 2, Somerset 2.

Glamorgan v Middlesex

At Cardiff

GLAMORGAN

J A Hopkins c Barlow b Cowans	10
A L Jones run out	15
R C Ontong not out	17
Younis Ahmed c Butcher b Daniel	13
Extras (b 8, w 1)	9
Total (3 wkts, 18.2 overs)	64

S P Henderson, J F Steele, †T Davies, J G Thomas, W W Davis, G C Holmes and *M W W Selvey did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–27, 2–32, 3–64.

BOWLING: James 4–1–11–0; Cowans 8–0–24–1; Daniel 5.2–1–12–1.

MIDDLESEX: G D Barlow, W N Slack, *M W Gatting, R O Butcher, J E Emburey, †P R Downton, K D James, W W Daniel, S P Hughes and N G Cowans.

Umpires: J W Holder and D R Shepherd.

Match abandoned: Glamorgan 2, Middlesex 2.

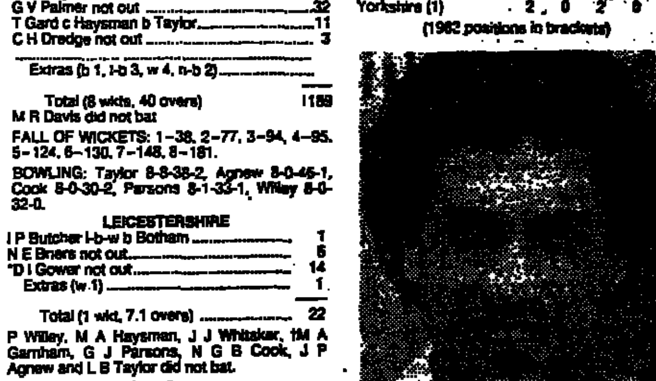
No play yesterday

HOVE: Sussex v Gloucestershire. (Two points each).
CANTERBURY: Kent v Surrey (Two points each).

John Player League

	P	W	L	NR	Pts
Derbyshire (6)	2	2	0	0	8
Worcestershire (11)	2	2	0	0	8
Middlesex (8)	3	1	0	1	8
Nottinghamshire (15)	3	2	1	0	8
Glamorgan (10)	3	1	1	1	6
Surrey (11)	3	1	1	1	6
Sussex (4)	2	1	0	1	6
Warwickshire (7)	2	1	0	1	6
Hampshire (5)	2	1	1	0	4
Lancashire (9)	2	1	1	0	4
Essex (6)	2	0	1	0	2
Gloucestershire (14)	2	0	1	1	2
Kent (3)	2	0	1	1	2
Leicestershire (11)	2	0	1	1	2
North'tonshire (15)	2	0	1	1	2
Somerset (2)	2	0	1	1	2
Yorkshire (1)	2	0	2	0	0

(1983 positions in brackets)



Abrahams: 38 runs for Lancashire

GOLF

Davis rises to top as rivals are swamped

By Nicholas Keith

Mark Davis, aged 19, from Essex, won the English amateur strokeplay title and the Brabazon Trophy at rainswept Deal yesterday. He finished three shots ahead of Stephen East, with Robert Eggo, from the Channel Islands, in third place. The name of Davis joins those of Sandy Lyle and Paul Way, among others, on the Brabazon role of honour.

In the first of yesterday's two rounds, Davis lost his touch with the putter and his lead, but in the afternoon he played remorselessly good golf in relentlessly bad weather. He had three birdies going out, whereas East dropped three stroles in the first five holes. With two more birdies on the inward nine, Davis was able to withstand a lost ball – and a seven – a the long 16th and a rally by East.

Deal seems to suit Davis. He won a 36-hole event on the course last autumn, and five of his last six competitive rounds there have been under par.

Yesterday he started at six under, but conceded all those strokes in a morning round which was plagued by misputts. He three-putted five times and allowed East, a former Yorkshire champion, to draw level at lunch.

Eggo, was following up a useful performance in the Lytham Trophy, where he led after three rounds and eventually finished tenth. craig Laurence, the English amateur champion, has been struggling with his form this spring but must have been encouraged by his final round of 70.

The weather was bad enough to swamp the challenges of two former Walker Cup players, Peter Deeble and John Davies, who had stood respectively at two under and four under overnight.

FINAL SCORES: 286: M Davis (Thornton Park), 68, 70, 78, 70. 288: St East (York), 69, 71, 76, 73. 290: R Eggo (L'Ancresse), 74, 71, 75, 70. 292: C Laurence (Warren), 73, 73, 76, 70; P Deeble (Alnwick), 73, 69, 78, 72. 294: C Banks (Stanton on the Wold), 74, 74, 76, 70. 295: A Sherborne (Long Ashton), 73, 74, 77, 71; G Griffiths (Stoke Poges), 74, 72, 76, 73; J Davies (Royal Mid Surrey), 70, 70, 80, 77. 297: R Roper (Catterick Garrison), 75, 75, 72, 75; G Homewood (Ashford Manor), 71, 71, 81, 74; J Claxton (Fulford), 73, 72, 77, 77. 298: K Valentine (Hill Valley), 74, 75, 76, 73; J Hawksworth (Lytham), 73, 73, 75, 77. 299: R Willison (Ealing), 75, 76, 76, 72. 300: M Palmer (Deal), 76, 73, 74, 77; D Curry (Prudhoe), 75, 72, 80, 73; N Brazell (Southport and Ainsdale), 73, 73, 76, 78; P McEvoy (Copt Heath), 76, 70, 77, 77.

EQUESTRIANISM

A show of reserve strength

From Jenny MacArthur
Barcelona

There was a British first and second in yesterday's President of the Olympic Committee's Cup at the international show here after an inspired round by John Whitaker on Hopscotch had snatched first prize from Malcolm Pyrah on Towerlands Diamond Seeker. Whitaker finished nearly two seconds ahead of Pyrah and provided the second win for British riders at this show in which, while the shortlisted Olympic horses are taking their time to show their form, the riders' second strings are picking up some useful prizes. On Saturday John's brother, Michael, won the speed class with Courtway who has now given her rider six wins in the two and a half weeks of the Spanish trip.

The proximity of the Olympics has turned Barcelona into a major testing ground for horses and riders but with 85 riders competing – only three of them are women – it has made the classes uncomfortably long.

Saturday's main event, the two-round Queen of Spain Cup, lasted four-hours and provided first clues to the form of potential Los Angeles horses. Two French Olympic hopes, Xavier Leredde with Jalisco B and Eric Navet with J T'Adore, took first and second place – they were the only riders with double clear rounds – while the professional Swiss rider, Thomas Fuchs, came third on Willora Carpets.

Four British short-listed riders reached the second round but hopes then quickly evaporated. David Bowen had two fences down on his old partner, the 13-year-old Brindle Boy, whom he now owns jointly with Tony Elliot. Tony Newbury went out of the running with a similar score on Ryans Mill. St Mungo jumped well for John Whitaker but collected four faults in each round as did the Belgian-bred Tamara, ridden by Michael Whitaker.

Although not on the Olympic shortlist, Tamara, who was bought from the Belgian rider François Mathy in March, is Michael's ride for today's Nations Cup in which the Olympic candidates face their sternest test to date. Ronnie Massarella, the British team manager, has put Michael and John Whitaker (St Mungo) in the key first and fourth positions with Gary Gillespie (Lorenzo) at two and Bowen (Brindle Boy) at three.

RESULTS: President of the Olympic Committee's Cup (accumulator class): 1, Hopscotch (J Whitaker), 65 in 63.43sec; 2, Towerlands Diamond Seeker (M Pyrah), 65 in 65.28sec.
Queen of Spain's Cup: 1, Jalisco B (X Leredde, Fr), 0-0 in 51.47sec; 2, J T'Adore (E Navet, Fr) 0-0 in 52.32sec.
Speed class: 1, Courtway (M Whitaker), 59.38sec; 2, Jaima De Baisey (E Navet), 63.64sec; equal 3, Jean le Four (M Robert, Fr) and Peruto (N Hofmans Bel), 65.28sec.

YACHTING

Light winds upset plans

By Adrian Morgan

Jo Richards and Peter Allam won the first race of the Flying Dutchman Olympic trials off Weymouth yesterday from Pat Blake and Christian Houchin, but the results were subject to a number of protests last night. The Tornadoes were won by the Canadian Sweeney brothers in very light winds from Dave King and Neal Whittaker. Conditions, which caused racing to be abandoned on Saturday, scuppered the 470 fleet, which again did not race.

The miserably light conditions could prove embarrassing for the three "speed classes", 470, FD and Tornadoes, whose selection depends entirely on results at Weymouth.

RESULTS: Tornadoes: 1, D Sweeney and B Sweeney (Can); 2, D King and N Whittaker (GB); 3, C Cairns and S Anderson (Aus). FDs: 1, J Richards and P Allam (GB); 2, P Blake and C Houchin (GB); 3, A Abascal and M Noguer (Sp).

FOR THE RECORD

CYCLING

FLORENCE: Tour of Italy, second stage (Italians unless stated): 1, U Freuler (Switz) 3hr 15min 2sec; 2, P Gavazzi; 3, S Milani; 4, B Wojtinek (Fr); 5, R de Vlaeminck (Bel); 6, G van Calster (Bel). Overall: 1, L Fignon (Fr) 4hr 23min 15sec; 2, Wojtinek 4 sec behind; 3, Moser 4; 4, D Gaigne (Fr) 5; 5, R Visentini 6; 6, C Mottet (Fr) 7; 15, D Akam 26.
COMPIEGNE: Tour de l'Oise race: First stage: 1, F Castaing (Fr) 6hr 13min 29sec; 2, E de Wilde (Bel); 3, V Barteau (Fr); 4, P Lauraire (Fr); 5, B van Brabant (Bel); 6, C Corre (Fr), all same time. British placings: 12, P Sherwen 6hr 13min 29sec; 14, J Herety, same time. Overall: 1, A Peiper (Aus) 6hr 17min 23sec; 2, S Roche (Ireland) 6:17:27; 3, N Emonds (Bel) 6:17:28; 4, E de Wilde (Bel) 6:17.29; 5, P Poisson (Fr) 6:17:29; 6, V Barteau (Fr) 6:17.30. British placings: 11, S Yates 6:17:30.
WROCLAW: East Berlin-Prague-Warsaw Peace Race ninth stage (175 km from Jelenia Gora to Wroclaw): 1, E Louvel (Fr) 4hrs 28mins 44sec; 2, Z Halasz (Hun) 4:29 06; 3, M Romascanu (Rom) 4:31.22; 4, I Gancea (Rom) 4.31.25; 5, A Quintero (Cuba) 4:31.28; 6, S Uslamin (USSR) 4:31.28. Overall: 1, S Sukhoruchenkov (USSR) 33:44.57; 2, N Staikov (Bul) 33:45.02; 3, P Ugryumov (USSR) 33 45.13; 4, O Jentzsch (EG) 33:45.25; 5, O Ludwig (EG) 33.45 49; 6, U Raab (EG) 33:46.01. Stage team: 1, France 13:31.56; 2, Hungary 13:32.16; 3, Romania 13 34.22; 4, Soviet Union 13 34.32; 5, Cuba same time; 6, West Germany 13 34.36. Overall Team: 1, Soviet Union 101:16.58; 2, East Germany 101:17.40; 3, Czechoslovakia 101.22.46; 4, Poland 101 24 04; 5, Netherlands 101:28.39; 6, Bulgaria 101:56.01.
OSAKA: Road race: Women: 1, J Longo (Fr) *1hr 19min 52.40sec; 2, C Paraskevin (US)* 1.19:52.51; 3, C Meijer (Neth) 1:19:52.51. Men: 1, E Peeters (Bel) 2:18.28.87; 2, P Wilkins (GB) 2:18:42.22; 3, P Rath (It) 2:18:42.42.
IBAGUE: Tour of Colombia: 1, A Chizabas 5hrs 30min 27sec; 2, F Rodriguez 5:31:40; 3, L *Herrera; 4, R Montoya; 5, A Florez;* 6, F Parra; 7, P Wilches; 8, I Corredor; 9, A Agudelo; 10, O Cardenas, all same time.

TRAMPOLINING

LEYTON: London and South East championships: Women: 1, K McDonald (Poole) 95.5 pts; 2, M Phelps (OLGA, Poole) 93.6 pts; 3, S Halford (OLGA Poole) 91.6 pts. Team: OLGA, Poole, 177.5 pts. Men: 1, C Furrer (Harlow) 104.4 pts; 2, N Rendell (Poole) 94.4 pts; 3, P Seaman (Poole) 93.8 pts. Team: 1, Poole 170.9 pts.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE (Friday): Detroit Tigers 8, Oakland A's 4; Toronto Blue Jays 4; Chicago White Sox 3; California Angels 4, New York Yankees 3; Baltimore Orioles 4, Seattle Mariners 1; Minnesota Twins 8, Boston Red Sox 3; Cleveland Indians 8, Milwaukee Brewers 4; Texas Rangers 2, Kansas City Royals 1. (Saturday): Detroit Tigers 5, Oakland A's 4; California Angels 4, New York Yankees 0; Toronto Blue Jays 1, Chicago White Sox 0; Seattle Mariners 8, Baltimore Orioles 5; Minnesota Twins 7, Boston Red Sox 0; Milwaukee Brewers 3, Cleveland Indians 0; Kansas City Royals 6, Texas Rangers 2.
NATIONAL LEAGUE (Friday): Montreal Expos 5, Los Angeles Dodgers 4; Chicago Cubs 7, Houston Astros 6; San Diego Padres 5, New York Mets 4; Philadelphia Phillies 1, San Francisco Giants 0; St Louis Cardinals 5, Cincinnati Reds 3; Pittsburgh Pirates 6, Atlanta Braves 0. (Saturday): Los Angeles Dodgers 5, Montreal Expos 1; Chicago Cubs 5, Houston Astros 4; Philadelphia Phillies 8, San Francisco Giants 2; San Diego Padres 8, New York Mets 3; St Louis Cardinals 9, Cincinnati Reds 1; Atlanta Braves 4, Pittsburgh Pirates 2.

FENCING

DE BEAUMONT CENTRE, London: Women's National Foil Championship: R Davis (Salle Paul) bt L Thurley (Salle Paul) 10–9; D McIntosh (Salle Paul) bt S Head (Salle Boston) 8–5; L Martin (Salle Paul) bt K Arup (Salle Paul) 8–1; C Montgomery (Salle Boston) bt A Brannon (Salle Boston) 8–6. Semi-finals: Davis bt McIntosh 8–6; Martin bt Montgomery 8–4. Final: Martin bt Davis 8-2. Third and fourth place fight off: McIntosh bt Montgomery 8–2. Mens National Foil Championship: D Gosbee (Salle Boston) bt J Lawrence (Salle Paul) 10–5; P Harper (Salle Goodall) bt R Hill (Salle Paul) 10–5; D Seaman (Salle Goodall) bt D McKenzie (Meadowbank) 10–6; T Bartlett (Salle Paul) bt J Davis (Salle Bapul) 10–8. Semi-final: Gosbee bt Harper 10–6; Seaman bt Bartlett 12–10. Final: Gosbee bt Seaman 12–11. Third and fourth round playoffs: Harper bt Bartlett 10–7.

HOCKEY

FRANKFURT: Malaysia bt USA 4–1; West Germany bt France 3–1.

STANDINGS

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Malaysia	2	2	0	0	9	1	4
West Germany	2	2	0	0	8	1	4
France	2	0	0	2	1	8	0
US	2	0	0	2	1	9	0

CROQUET

BUDLEIGH SALTERTON: Finals: Handicap singles: First division: I P M Macdonald (3½) bt Dr D R Laney (3½) + 14. Second division: Mrs D J Croker (7) bt F A Rowlands (6) + 8. Third division: M McF Davis (14) bt Mrs M E Langley (10) + 15 (OT). Handicap doubles: Mr *and Mrs B G Perry (12) bt Mrs E Pursey* and W/Cdr T M Silk (20) + 5 (OT).

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION: (Friday) Western conference finals: Phoenix Suns 135, Los Angeles Lakers 127. (Lakers lead best-of-seven series, 2-1). Eastern conference championship, (Friday): Boston Celtics 109, Milwaukee Bucks 100. (Celtics lead best-of-seven series, 3–0).

VOLLEYBALL

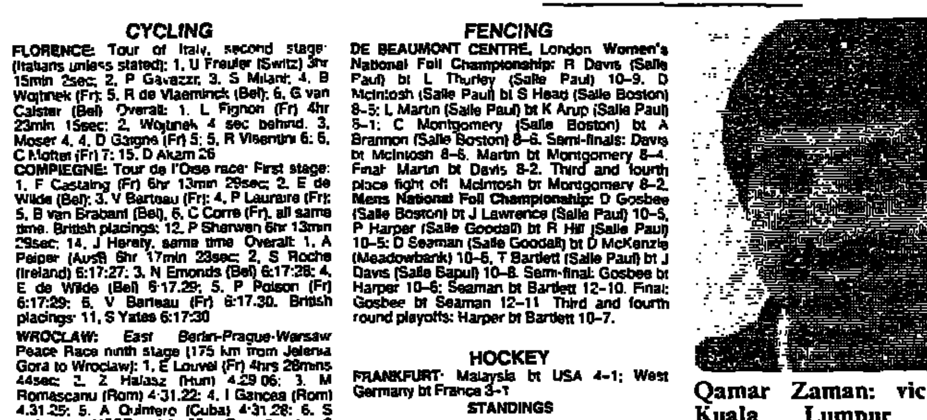
NAGOYA: Tour Japan 0, USSR 3.

MOTOR RALLYING

KRISTIANSTAD: South Sweden event: 1, B Waldegaard (Toyota Celica) 2hr 3min 10sec; 2, *O Stroemberg (Saab 99)* 2:4:11; 3, L-E Thorp (Opel Ascona) 2:5:23.

GOLF

CLIFTON, New Jersey: LPGA Plymouth Charity Classic, second round: 141: D H White; 142: P Bradley; 143: M Spencer-Devlin; B Sunkowsky, L Cole; 144: B Fergon; 145: A Miller; Ayako Okamoto (Japan); J Inkster, P Hayes.
FORT WORTH: Colonial National Invitation tournament: 198: P Stewart 68, 66, 64; 200: P Jacobsen 64, 71, 65; 203: G Morgan 66, 67, 70; 206: T Kite 70, 69, 67; 207: T Watson 66, 72, 69; D A Weibring 66, 71, 70; A Sills 67, 71, 69; 208: B Crenshaw 69, 71, 68; R Streck 71, 69, 68; M Fiori 72, 67, 69; 209: R Floyd 72, 68, 69; W Rogers 71, 71, 67; C Stadler 70, 67, 72; C *Strange* 67, 71, 71; M Lye 66, 70, 73; 210: P Oosterhuis (GB) 69, 70, 71; 211: S Ballesteros (Sp) 68, 70, 73; 215: D Graham (Aus) 73, 68, 74; 218: N Price (SA) 69, 74, 75; G Morgan (Aus) 75, 70, 73.
UBE: Japan: 272: Yasuhiro Funatogawa 68, 68, 70, 66; 274: Naomichi Ozaki 70, 69, 70, 65; Kikuo Arai 70, 69, 69, 66; 275: Saburo Fujiki 63, 71, 76, 65; G Marsh (Aus) 69, 67, 70, 69; 280: Hsieh Min-Nan (Taiwan) 71, 72, 69, 68; Lu Hsi-Chuen (Taiwan) 73, 69, 69, 69; Norio Mikami 68, 67, 75, 70.



Qamar Zaman: victory in Kuala Lumpur squash rackets tournament

SQUASH RACKETS

KUALA LUMPUR, South-east Asian circuit, semi-final round: Third and final leg: Maqsood *Ahmed (Pak) bt Magdi Saad (Egypt)* 3–9, 9–5, 9-2, 9–0; Qamar Zaman (Pak) bt Gogi Alauddin (Pak) 9–5, 9–1, 9–1. Final: Qamar Zaman bt Maqsood Ahmed 9–3, 9–6, 9–1.

MOTOCROSS

MALMO–(AP): Swedish grand prix: Heat 1: 1, A Malherbe (Bel) Honda, 46:44.072; 2, G Jobe (Bel) Kawasaki, 46:47.831; 3, D Thorpe (GB) Honda, 46:49.763; 7, K Nicoll (GB) Km, 47:23.898; 10, L Spence (Ire) Kawasaki, 48:13.464.
Heat 11: 1, D Thorpe (GB), Honda, 46:55.055; 2, E Geboers (Bel), Honda, 47:06.374; 3, G Jobe, (Bel), Kawasaki, 47:33.269; 8, D Watson (GB), Kawasaki, 48:18.280; 9, L Spence (Ire), Kawasaki, 48:22 073. World championship standings: 1, Thorpe, 159pts; 2, Jobe, 156; 3, A Malherbe, 155 (Bel); 4, Geboers 138; 5, A *Vromans, 99, (Bel); 6 J Sintonen (Fin) and* Spence both 75; 8, H Carlqvist, 69, (Swe); 9, Persson 57, (Swe); 10, K Nicholl, 45.

ROWING

TWICKENHAM: Elite Eights: Thames 3min 17sec; Senior A Eights: *University of London* 3min, 5sec; Senior B Eights: King's College, London 3min 32sec; Senior C Eights: Staines 3min 15sec; Novice Eights: Exeter College, Oxford 3min 39sec; Elite Fours: Imperial College 3min 41sec; Senior A Fours: Westminster School 3min 41sec; Senior C Fours: Burway 3min 59sec; Senior B Fours: Eton 3min 27sec; Novice Fours: Molesey 3min 20sec; Senior C Sculls: M Crapper (University of London 3min 44sec.

CRICKET

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Hatfield 64, *Durham 65-4; XL Club 166-4dec., *The Leys 96-6.
*Home team.

EQUESTRIANISM

PUNCHESTOWN: Leading placings after *dressage and cross country:* 1, Shannagh (Mrs L Green, GB) 52.8 penalties; 2, Up To Date (M Pettersson, Swe) 60.6; 3, Ballyluskey (Miss F Wentges, Ire) 62.6; 4, The Apostle (Miss E de Haan, GB) 66.8; 5, Aughnacre (Capt D Foster, Ire) 68.2; 6, Blue Max (Miss D Clapham, GB) 70.4.

POLO

TOWRY LAW CUP: Windsor Park 5, Piaget 3. Royal Windsor Horse Show Cup: Ingwenya 7, Chopendoz 6½.



SWIMMING

MISSION VIEJO (Friday): Men: 100m free-style: R Gaines, 51.59. 400m free-style: F Iacono (Fr), 3:55.94 (national record). 800m free-style: G di Carlo, 8:03.93. 100m backstroke: R Carey, 57.07. 100m breaststroke: J Moffet, 1:05.30. *100m butterfly: P Morales, 58.36. Women:* 100m free-style: N Hogshead, 56.71. 400m free-style: F Barker, 16:35.07; 100m backstroke: S Walsh, 1:04.95. 100m breaststroke: T Caulkins, 1:12.86. 100m butterfly: M Meagher, 1:00.56. Saturday: Men: 200m free-style M Heath, 1:51.64. 200m *backstroke: R Carey, 2:03.56. 200m butterfly: V* Cerny (Can), 2:01.99. 400m individual medley: A Baumann (Can), 4:24.40. Women: 200m free-style: N Hogshead, 2:00.57. 200m backstroke: A White, 2:10.90. 200m butterfly: Mary Meagher, 2:09.21. 400m individual medley: T Caulkins, 4:47.57.

BOXING

TAEJON, S Korea: International Boxing Federation, flyweight championship: Kwon Sun-Chon (S Korea), holder, bt I Clyde (Can), pts.
MARACAIBO: World Boxing Association, junior flyweight championship: F Quiroz (Dominican Rep) bt L Madera (Mex), holder, ko, 9th.
CANNES: Welterweight (10 rounds): Gianfranco Rosi (It) bt Yvon Segor (Fr) pts.

SHOOTING

BISLEY: Short-range teams of 20 (firing twice): 1 Scotland 1958 and 2003 (W Sharman 102 and 104); 2, RAF Target RC 1,901 and 1941 (G Baker 99 and 101); 3, Wales 1,885 and 1923 (D O'Leary 102 and 104). Teams of eight (Empire conditions: (1, Army TRC 1,487 (R Ellis 195); 2, Territorial Army 1,443 (M Farman 189); 3, Royal Small Arms Factory 1,400 (N Thomas 189).

ATHLETICS

GOETZIS, Austria: Decathlon: 1, G Degtyarov (USSR) 4,355pts (100 metres 11.05 sec, long jump 7.73 metres, shot 16.14 metres, high jump 2.08 metres, 400 metres 49.78 sec); 2, S Wentz (WG) 4,332 (10.99, 7.45, 14.78, 2.08, 49.68); 3, A Nevski (USSR) 4,274 (10.97, 7.24, 15.04, 2.08, 48.44). Women's heptathlon: Final positions: 1, N Vinogradova (USSR) 6,319 pts (100m hurdles 14.07, high jump 1.71m, shot 14.47m, 200m 24.02, long jump 6.62m, javelin 35.60m, 800m 2:08.15); 2, S Thiele (EG) 6,224 (13.86, 1.77m, 14.51m, 24.75, 6.69m, 37.22m, 2:18.72); 3, Y Smirnova (USSR) 6,172 (13.58, 1.86m, 14.91m, 26.22, 6.06m, 48.76m, 2:25 99); 5, J Simpson-Livermore (GB) 6,101.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Stanley Cup championship: *Edmonton Oilers 5, New York Islanders 2.* (Oilers win best-of-seven series, four games to one).

RUGBY UNION

VALENCIA: Valencia XV 0, Harlequins 42.
SEVILLE: Under-23 match: Spain 9, England 16.

MOTOR RACING

SCARPERIA, Italy: European formula two Grand Prix: 1, Thackwell (NZ) Ralt Honda, 1 hr 13 min 38.89 seconds (average speed 179.466 kph); 2, M Ferte (Fr) Martini, 1:20 behind; 3, C Danner (WG) March, 1:22.03; 4, E Pirro (It) March, 1:36.45; 5, R Tassin (Bel) March, one lap behind; 6, D Theys (Bel) Martini, one lap. Standings after five events: 1, Thackwell 42 pts, 2, R Moreno (Br) 21, 3, Ferte 17, 4, Danner 15, *5, Pirro 9.*

TENNIS

WEST BERLIN, German Open: Womens final: C Kohde (WG) bt K Horvath (US) 7-6,6-1.

IN BRIEF

Kelly ruled out because of ankle injury

Senlis, France (Reuter) – Sean Kelly, of Ireland, the most consistent winner in the 1984 cycling season, will be out of competition until next month because of a sprained ankle, team officials said yesterday.

Kelly will miss the Dauphine Libéré race, starting on May 28, but will ride the Tour of Luxembourg, which begins on June 6, as part of his build-up for the Tour de France three weeks later. Kelly received the injury in a fall at his home in Belgium almost two weeks ago.

GOLF: The former champion, Donna White, who recently underwent back surgery, scored an even par 73 on Saturday for a one-stroke lead after two rounds of an *LPGA* tournament in Clifton, New Jersey. Mrs White, who won the tournament in 1980, had a 36-hole total of 141, one ahead of Pat Bradley, who *also had a 73.*

TRAMPOLINE: The British and European champion, Andrea Holmes, suffered a surprise defeat in the London and South East championships at *Leyton* at the weekend. A rare error in the voluntary section cost her the lead, although she recovered superbly with a record difficulty score of 10.4 in the final, to finish in fifth place.

RESULTS: Ladies' individual: 1, K McDonald (Poole), 95.5pts; 2, M Phelps (OLGA Poole), 93.6; 3, S Halford (OLGA Poole), 91.6. Ladies team: 1, OLGA Poole, 177.5. Men's individual: 1, C Furrer (Harlow), 104.4; 2, N Rendell (Poole), 94.4; 3, P Seaman (Poole), 93.8. Men's team: 1, Poole, 170.9.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL
(7.30 unless stated)

Fourth division
Wrexham v Tranmere

Associate Members Cup, Southern Final
Bournemouth v Millwall

CRICKET

Tour match
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v West Indies (11.0-6.0).

County championship
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Somerset (start 11.0).

Warwickshire under 25 competition
BRISTOL: Gloucestershire v Warwickshire

OTHER SPORT
Paddington Tournament, Heaton Tournament.

RUGBY UNION

Scotland share the fate of Wales in Romania

Romania	28
Scotland	22

Bucharest (Reuter) – Powerful forward play and brilliant tactical kicking took Romania to victory over Scotland in a Rugby Union international here yesterday. Tries by Leslie and Dods earned the Scots a 16-9 halftime lead, after which Romania stormed back with tries by Mircea Paraschiv, their scrum half and captain, Alexandru Radulescu, a giant forward.

It was Romania's second victory in six months over a British team. They beat Wales last November.

In a scrappy first half the Scots, making light of the sweltering *Balkan heat, found space for* Renwick and Johnston, their centres, to move the ball around. In the fifth minute a mix-up in the Romanian defence from a long kick by *Rutherford allowed Leslie to* barge over for an easy try, converted by Dods.

Eight minutes later Dumitru Gheorghe fastened on to a swirling kick from Dumitru Alexandru and ran over for a try, converted by Alexandru, that levelled the score. The game remained finely balanced with Alexandru, Dods and Robertson picking up points from penalties.

SCORERS: Tries: Leslie, Dods. Conversion: Dods. Penalties: Robertson, Dods (3). Romania: Tries: Dumitru, Paraschiv, Radulescu. Conversions: Alexandru (2). Penalties: Alexandru (3). Drop goal: Alexandru.

European title for France

Soviet Union 3 France 32

Moscow (Reuter) – France crushed the Soviet Union yesterday *to win the European championship.* The Russians held their own for much of the first half and went ahead with a penalty by Korpukhin. France came back to lead 7–3 at *half-time, thanks to a penalty* by Camberabero and a try by Peytavin.

Begu scored a fine try, converted by Camberabero, 10 minutes after the break. The Russians' problems were compounded when Korpukhin, spearhead of their attack, was injured and had to be replaced. The French built up their lead with tries by Lescure, Begu and Betolucci, two of which were converted by Camberabero, and a Camberabero penalty.

Under-23 team in command

Spain 9 England U-23 16

Seville (AFP) – The England Under-23 team registered the third *successive victory of their tour of* Spain when they beat the Spanish national team yesterday. England led 6–3 at half-time.

They scored two tries, through Rose and Andrew. Hogg opened the scoring by kicking a penalty and converted Rose's try. Andrew also kicked a penalty. Numez scored all of Spain's points by kicking three penalties.

England, who had already shown their superiority against regional sides at San Sebastian and Barcelona, proved more than able to cope with the national side. The Spanish defence was tight but their pack failed to provide much ball.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Duane's tour may be shortlived

Sydney *(Reuter) – Ron Duane* sees a specialist here tomorrow on a knee injury which threatens to put the centre out of Britain's Rugby League tour of Australasia. Duane, aged 20, dislocated *his* knee in Friday's 40 – 13 win over Northern Territory in Darwin which opened the tour.

The British party arrived in Sydney from Darwin last night and named their side for the second tour match against Riverina in Wagga Wagga on Wednesday.

Team: M Burke, G Clark, M Smith, E Hanley, G Schofield, J Lydon, A Gregory, M Adams (capt), T Flanagan, A Goodway, B Case, K Beardmore, L Crooks.

GOLF

Langer is putting his bad times in the past

From Mitchell Platts
Paris

Bernhard Langer switched to an unconventional putting technique for the last round of the French open tournament, sponsored by Peugeot, here yesterday and was rewarded with an astonishing 64 on the St Cloud course for a one-stroke victory from the Spaniard, Jose Rivero (67).

The West German, beset by problems since he returned from the American circuit last month, lined up the majority of his putts by kneeling behind the ball and twisting the blade of the putter with his hand until he was certain that he was aiming in the right direction.

Langer has never been regarded as the most lethal of putters from close range, although he holes his fair share from longer distances, but while he was happy with his stroke, he had become confused by the fact that he so often hit the ball an inch or two off the intended course.

So, having checked with the PGA tournament director, Tony Gray, that the rules allowed him to employ this unusual method, Langer found his touch on the greens. His aggregate of 270, which is 18 under par, won him a first prize of £14,500.

However, it was not that easy with Rivero doggedly in pursuit, even after Langer had followed an immaculate outward half of 32 which began with him holing from 60 feet at the first – with birdies at the 10th and 11th, to take the outright lead.

Initially, it appeared that Nick Faldo would make it extremely difficult for anyone to remove the title from his grasp. The tall Englishman, with the encouragement of an eagle three at the long third, where he struck a lovely wood to 20 feet, had ambled to the turn in 32.

Then the Faldo machine inaccountable spluttered when he dropped strokes at the 11th and 12th and by the time he was moving smoothly again, Langer had broken clear by chipping close for another birdie at the long 15th.

In those closing holes, when his confidence was put to the test, Langer made not a single error. At the last, he covered the flag with a seven-iron, engineering a 15-feet putt for a birdie which ultimately earned him the title.

Rivero, underlining the words of his compatriots that he is an outstanding prospect even at the age fo 28, followed birdies at the 10th and 11th, with an eagle three at the 15th and another birdie at the 17th. He might have forced a play-off but, from 22 feet he missed on the last green, and so Langer had triumphed for the first time this year.

FINAL SCORES (GB unless stated): 270: B Langer (WG), 68, 71, 67, 64. 271: J Rivero (Sp), 67, 69, 68, 67. 273: N Faldo, 71, 68, 66, 68. 276: A Lyle, 67, 70, 71, 68; C Mason, 72, 67, 68, 69. 277: M King, 72, 66, 70, 69; J Crow (Aus), 68, 70, 66, 73. 278: M Montes (Sp), 70, 70, 70, 68; B Gallacher, 69, 74, 65, 70; J Bland (SA), 71, 69, 66, 72; G Brand jn, 68, 69, 68, 73. 279: R Drummond, 70, 70, 71, 68; I Woosnam, 67, 74, 68, 70; S Torrance, 69, 71, 68, 71; S Reese (NZ), 69, 71, 68, 71. 282: J Gonzalez (Br), 69, 70, 73, 70. 283: V Fernandez (Arg), 68, 74, 72, 69; P Teravainen (US), 74, 66, 73, 68.

Jones joins Ireland's senior club

By John Hennessy

Ernie Jones maintained a remarkable sequence of Irish golfing supremacy at senior level at Stratford on Avon yesterday. He won the British senior (over 50) championship, sponsored by Trust House Forte, and with it £3,000 with a final round of 66, six under par, and a four-round total of 280, eight under, stretching the succession of Irish victories to nine.

Six were won by Christy O'Conner and two by Paddy Skerritt. Peter Butler, of the RAC Epsom (72 yesterday), and Ross Whitehead, of Moor Park (69), shared second place three strokes behind.

There are, inevitably, signs of the passing of time in a field of this nature, but Jones, who crossed the political divide to join the Royal County Down club, carries his years well. There is no sign of a bulging midriff, and, eschewing alcohol and nicotine, he is exceptionally fit.

He played splendidly with only one poor shot, a wayward drive at the 10th which cost him a stroke, but otherwise he did not put a foot or finger wrong. Four birdies in the first nine holes eroded Butler's three-stroke overnight lead.

LEADING SCORES: 280: E Jones (Royal County Down) 69, 68, 77, 66. 282: P Butler (RAC) 70, 71, 70, 72; R Whitehead (Moor Park) 73, 68, 73, 69. 286: J Martin (Wicklow) 70, 69, 72, 75. 287: N V Drew (Bangor) 73, 73, 66, 75; D Snell (Worksop) 76, 69, 74, 68; M Murphy (Baltinglass) 70, 71, 77, 69. 288: S W T Murray (Hendon) 72, 69, 73, 74; D Hutchinson (South Africa) 73, 72, 71, 72. 289: P Gill (Knole Park) 76, 69, 69, 75.

Quandary for triumphant Miss Stewart

Gillian Stewart, who on Saturday at Royal Dornoch defeated Alison Gemmill by 3 and 2 to win her third Scottish Women's Championship, said at the prize giving that she hoped she would be able to defend her title at Barassie next year (Lewine Mair writes).

However, the fact that it is only a couple of weeks since she decided not to send her in her entry form for the St Rule Trophy on June 2 on the rounds that she might by then be a professional, confirmed that she is still in something of a quandary concerning her future. "Everyone tells me that I would do well as a professional – but there is the point that if I were to find myself not enjoying the business of playing week in, week out, my game might suffer."

FINAL: Miss G Stewart (Inverness) bt Miss A Gemmill (Barassie) 3 and 2.

● Sharon Roberts, aged 19, from Llandudno, became the first left-handed player to win the Welsh women's championship when she convincingly beat Karen Davies, also 19, from Wrexham, by 5 and 4, in the 18-hole final at Newport, Gwent.

SEMI-FINALS: K Davies (Wrexham) bt D Taylor (Newport) at 19th; S Roberts (Llandudno) bt V Thomas (Bargoed) 2 and 1. FINAL: Roberts bt Davies 5 and 4.

● Clair Hourihane retained the Irish ladies' closed title, sponsored by Lancome, at Rosses Point, Sligo when she defeated Maureen Madill at the first hole in a play-off.

SEMI-FINALS: Miss C Hourihane (Woodbrook) bt Miss E Higgins (Douglas) 5 and 4; Miss M Madill (Portstewart) bt Miss S O'Brien-Kenney (Grange) at 19th. FINAL: Hourihane beat Madill at 19th.

MOTOR RACING: McLAREN END RENAULT'S RUN OF SUCCESS IN FRENCH GRAND PRIX



The chaser more than the chased: Lauda in the McLaren that caught up with Tambay's Renault

Lauda wins the chase as Warwick is hurt

From John Blunsden
Dijon

The Marlboro-McLaren team's domination of grand prix racing continued on the 2.36-mile Dijon-Prenois circuit yesterday when Niki Lauda scored his second victory of the season and his team's fourth in five races in winning the 79-lap French Grand Prix.

Lauda's success, after he had spent more laps doing the chasing than being chased, ended the Renault team's run of success in this race. Patrick Tambay, who started his Renault from the front of the grid led for more than half distance, chased Lauda all the way to finish strongly in second place just over seven seconds in arrears.

Not so lucky was Derek Warwick, his team partner, whose race ended in the catch-fences. He was unable to get out of the cockpit of his car. "I was travelling close behind Nigel Mansell when we came up to lap Marc Surer before a corner. Nigel seemed to get past but had to brake hard and I locked my front brake in trying to avoid him.

"This put me into a slide and I hit Surer's Arrow and we both went off. Unfortunately, the impact forced my right front suspension into the cockpit and I was trapped by my right shin until marshalls managed to free me." Warwick's injuries were confined to severe bruising of his leg; Surer was unhurt.

Mansell claimed third place for John Player Lotus at the end of a sad week in which three days earlier, his mother died of cancer. Immediately after the race he hastened back to England to attend the funeral.

He, too, had a hard race and hard words for the quality of some marshalls. "On one lap I came over the brow of the hill before the pits, flat out in fifth, to find one of them crossing the track about 50 feet in front of me. You could say I was very unimpressed. In fact, it shook me rigid." (A few years ago a similar indiscretion by a marshall caused the death of Tom Pryce, of Britain, in the South African Grand Prix.)

With Elio de Angelis finishing fifth behind the Ferrari of René Arnoux, this was the best performance this year by Lotus, who ran second and third for many laps after Mansell had made a storming start from sixth place on the grid to close in behind his teammate.

Alain Prost, the world championship leader, seemed poised to take the lead from Tambay on lap 26 when his McLaren-TAG ran wide on the fast right-hand curve before the pits and he lost nearly a lap when having his wheels changed. Later he lost further time having his front brakes refurbished and finished out of the points.

Tambay, too, had a brake problem. He lost the lead to Lauda when he misjudged his braking point because of his "long" pedal and slid wide through a left-hand bend behind the paddock. But at least Renault seem to have cured their fuel consuption worries. "I was able to drive flat out all the way this time", Tambay beamed afterwards.

Nelson Piquet, the world champion, was again out of luck, his Brabham-BMW retiring after 11 laps when a weld in the turbo unit failed, causing a spectacular fire (which was quickly extinguished) as he returned to the pits.

A broken water line halted Michele Alboreto's Ferrari with an overheated engine; and both the Alfa Romeos failed to last the course. Martin Brundle was the only survivor with a non-turbo-charged car and his Ford-powered Tyrrell that he can claim to have covered more grand prix miles than anyone else this season.

RESULTS: 1, N Lauda (Aus), McLaren-TAG, 79 laps, 1 hr 31 min 11.951 sec (125.53 mph); 2, P Tambay (Fr), Renault, 1.31.19.105; 3, N Mansell (GB), JPS Lotus-Renault, 1.31.35.920; 4, R Arnoux (Fr), Ferrari, 1.31.55.657; 5, E de Angelis (It), JPS-Lotus-Renault, 1.32.18.076; 6, K Rosberg (Fin), Williams-Honda, 78 laps; 7, A Prost (Fr), McLaren-TAG 78 laps; 8, J Laffite (Fr), Williams-Honda, 78 laps; 9, T Fabi (It), Brabham-BMW, 77 laps; 10, A de Cesaris (It), Ligier-Renault, 77 laps; 11, T Boutsen (Bel), Arrows-BMW, 77 laps; 12, M Brundle (GB), Tyrrell-Ford, 76 laps; 13, P Ghinzani (It), Osella-Alfa Romeo, 74 laps; 14, J Palmer (GB), RAM-Hart, 72 laps.

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: Drivers: 1, Prost, 24pts; 2, Lauda 18; equal 3, Arnoux and Warwick, 13; 5, de Angelis, 12; 6, Rosburg, 10; 7, Alboreto, 9, Mansell, 4; equal 10, Bellof, Cheever and Patrese, 3; equal 13, Brundle and de Cesaris, 2; equal 15, Boutsen and Senna, 1. CONSTRUCTORS: 1, McLaren-TAG, 42; 2, Ferrari, 22; 3, Renault, 20; 4, Lotus-Renault, 16; 5, Williams-Honda, 10; 6, Alfa Romeo, 6; 7, Tyrrell-Ford, 5; 8, Ligier-Renault, 2; equal 9, Toleman-Hart and Arrows-Ford, 1.

TENNIS

Krickstein's chances gone with the wind

Rome (AP)–Andreas Gomez, of Ecuador, won his second Italian open championship yesterday, defeating Aaron Krickstein aged 16, of the United States, 2-6, 6-1, 6-2, 6-2 in a wind-marred final. Krickstein, the youngest finalist ever here, and ranked sixty-sixth in the world, proved no match for the fifth-seeded Gomez.

The wind blowing across the Mediterranean from North Africa, churned up clouds of clay, disturbing the players' vision and knocked down advertising signs lining the centre court at the Foro Italico. The youngster from Grosse Pointe, Michigan, won the first set in 28 minutes, but Gomez, who is ranked seventh in the world, hit back by taking the scond set 6-1.

The turning-point came n the second game of the third set. Krickstein broke Gomez's service and then took a 40-0 lead. But Gomez came back to win the game and was never headed again in the match which lasted an hour and 55 minutes. Gomez, who won here in 1982, takes home $48,000 for his efforts.

Krickstein said he had never played in worse conditions "on a lot of the points I could only see with one eye. With the wind, I couldn't get to his backhand."

Gomez said he had played in high winds once before, but not on clay, "when you have the wind here, you have sand in your eyes," *he said.*

The weather marred an otherwise successful Italian open, which in recent years had been deserted by leading players and by spectators. The organizers initiated night play this year and attracted six of the world's top 10 players. The week-long tournament drew 56,000 spectators, compared with 19,000 last year.

MEN'S SINGLES: Semi-final round: A Gomez (Ec) bt J-L Clerc (Arg) 6-3, 6-2, 6-2; A Krickstein (US) bt D Perez (Uru) 6-4, 6-0. Final: Gomez bt Krickstein 2-6, 6-1, 6-2, 6-2.

Gomez: second title

Pimek defeats Mayer to take Bavarian title

Munich (AP)–Libor Pimek, of Czechoslovakia, surprised the American Gene Mayer beating him 6-4, 7-6, 6-4 yesterday to win the Bavarian open championship. The tall Pimek aged 20, took nearly three hours to defeat the 28-year-old New Yorker.

SEMI-FINALS: G Mayer (US) bt M Westphal (WG) 6-2, 6-7, 6-2; L Pimek (Czech) bt R Frawley (Aust) 6-3, 6-0. FINAL: Pimek bt Mayer 6-4, 4-6, 7-6, 6-4.

● Jeremy Bates, the British No 4, had his challenge swiftly brushed aside by a talented 18-year-old Australian in the final of the LTA £24,000 hard court tournament at Lee-on-Solent on Saturday. Bates, having persevered in some tricky matches to reach the last stage, slumped to a 6-2, 6-2 defeat in only an hour against Simon Youl.

It was the second year in succession that 21-year-old Bates had been beaten in the final.

FINALS: Men's singles: S Youl (Aust) bt J Bates (Surrey) 6-2, 6-2. Men's doubles: R Lewes (Essex) and J Smith (Devon) bt M Kratzman and S Youl (Aust) 7-6, 4-6, 6-3. Women's singles: C Bartos (Hung) bt N Dias (Braz) 6-4, 4-6, 6-3. Women's doubles: K Kinney and D Rubin (US) walkover. Miss Barstos and M Webber (Switz) scratched.

● Clark Wulff, aged 22, a Cherokee Indian who is an Aerican psychology student at Vermont University made a credible start to the Penn Paddington International Tournament by winning all three of his qualifying matches.

Qualifiers: C Wulff (US), P Sullivan, Meer Mohammed (Pakistan), A Sharp, J Cappadona, B Birchley, K Baker, J Godfrey.

Mrs Lloyd set for sixth Italian title

Perugia, Italy (Reuter) – Chris Lloyd's chances of winning the Italian Open this week for the sixth time have been strengthened by the absence of her arch-rival, Martina Navratilova.

Mrs Lloyd won the championship in 1974 and 1975, when the event was twinned with the men's in Rome, and then from 1980 to 1982 when it moved to this university town. Last year she did not defend her crown, which went to Hungarian teenager Andrea Temesvari.

Miss Navratilova has chosen to miss the Italian event and practice instead for the French Open, which begins in Pairs next Monday. Victory there would give her her fourth successive grand slam title, after winning Wimbledon and the US and Australian Opens.

Jo Durie, of Britain, whose rise from twenty-third to sixth in the world computer rankings began when she reached the last eight here last year, is seeded to meet Mrs Lloyd in the final.

McEnroe in cup

John McEnroe competes for the first time in the world team cup which begins in Dusseldorf today. The event will serve as a useful warm-up on clay courts for McEnroe, the world number one, en route to the French Open in Paris. McEnroe is teamed with Peter Fleming and Jimmy Arias and America are clear favourites

Miss Kohde wins final of contrasts

From Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent
Berlin

Claudia Kohde, who was seeded *only sixth, has won the German* women's singles championship without conceding a set. Indeed, in her five matches she lost only 21 games. In yesterday's final, crescento and diminuendo in turn, she beat the second seed, Kathleen Horvath, by 7–5, 6–1 in an hour and 27 minutes.

The hour-long first set was enchanting in its contrast of methods, its dramatic shifts and its tactical designs. How appropriate it was that the spectators included Jean-Pierre Liegeois, choreographer and *premier danseur* of the Berlin Opera, and the film actress and dancer Sydne Rome, who runs a string of aerobic schools.

The first set justified such analogies with music, drama and dancing. It fell short of the highest class in terms of technique, but not by much. Miss Kohde is more than 6ft tall and was always looking for a chance to exploit her height and reach at the net. Miss Horvath's role was that of the baseline tactician, the counter-puncher. She swung the ball from side to side, varying the length and pace, in an effort to create openings or force errors.

The result was a strenuously absorbing duel which could have gone either way. Miss Kohde led 4–2 but saved two set points (by courtesy of Miss Horvath's errors) at 5–6. Each player had two set points in the course of a thrilling, 18-point tie break ultimately decided by another error from Miss Horvath. After that she was mentally on her heels, and was tiring, too. Miss Kohde, on the other hand, displayed the growing authority of those who feel confidence welling within them.

From singles and doubles combined, Miss Kohde won a total of £20,500, Miss Horvath £11,700.

In a thrilling doubles final which ended with a 24-point tie-break, Anne Hobbs and Candy Reynolds beat Miss Horvath and Virginia Rizici, 6-3, 4-6, 7-6. Miss Hobbs won the doubles title last year, with Joanna Durie. Her success in yesterday's final, which lasted for two hours and 35 minutes, consolidated her position in th world championship points table based on performances in doubles.

Miss Horvath, aged 18, has been runner-up for the singles title twice. Chris Lloyd beat her last year.

Mrs Lloyd and Miss Durie, incidentally, will reinforce the field for this week's Italian championships in Perugia before the European clay-court circuit, the most charming segment of the tennis calendar, reaches its climax in Paris.

SINGLES: Semi-final round: C Kohde (WG) bt K Rinaldi (US) 6-4, 6-0; K Horvath (US) bt C Tanvier (Fr) 6-3, 7-6. Final: Kohde bt Horvath 7-5, 6-1.

ATHLETICS

Fastest time of year puts Coe on course

By Pat Butcher

Sebastian Coe has no illusions about his Olympic task, even following his 800 metres in 1 min 45.2 sec on Saturday, the fastest time in the world this year. Coe led *all the way to win the Middlesex* county title at Enfield, his first 800 metres since the defeat at Gateshead 10 months ago, which presaged his withdrawal from the world championships in Helsinki.

His time, in beating one of the better county fields by 40 metres, will probably still be among the world's top 20 at the end of the season, but it is the Olympic gold medal, to go with his outstanding 800 metres world record at 1.41.73, that Coe wants. "There is still a long long way to go. There are 84 days to the Olympics, and about 164 *training sessions," Coe said. He also* said that those training sessions were more important than races, but Saturday's time will have satisfied the criteria demanded of his Olympic pre-selection.

But his remark about sweating inordinately was an immediate reminder of the glandular problems that have contributed to his physical breakdowns of the last two seasons. "The ultimate test is how I string races together," he admitted. Six top class races inside a week – since he also intends to run the Olympic 1,500 metres – would be something he has not faced since Moscow in 1980.

Steve Cram, who won that 800 metres at Gateshead last year, was back there yesterday, winning the North-East counties, 5,000 metres in 13.48.0. On a cold afternoon, Cram, and Paul Cuskin, his Jarrow AC colleague, shared the lead until Cram pulled away with three laps to go. "A bit slower than I would have liked in the early stages," Cram said.

Coe: won by 40 metres

Oxford men in a hurry

By Jim Railton

Oxford University won the men's athletics match at Iffley Road on Saturday by the handsome margin of 38 points. The spectators were brought to their feet more than once. There was a dead-heat in the 800 metres, shared by Sherar (Oxford) and Higgins, of Cambridge. Then Oxford crossed the line first in the 4 x 400 metres relay with only inches to spare. Heard, of Oxford, predictably won the long and triple jumps, and Fulcher, of *Cambridge, hurled 62.72 metres in* the javelin.

While the Oxford women's captain, Brennan, was outstanding in winning four events, her team, despite a dispute over the relay, went down by four points. There were records in the women's high jump and discus.

MATCH RESULTS: Men: Oxford 125, Cambridge 87. Second match: Oxford Centipedes 116, Cambridge Alverstone 92. Women: Cambridge 69, Oxford 65.

INDIVIDUAL WINNERS: Men: I Morton (Oxford) 11 0. 200m: C Chokron (Oxford) 22.2. 400m: M Bowen (Oxford) 48 7. 800m: M Sherar (Oxford) and D Higgins (Cambridge) dead heat 1:54.2. 5,000m: R Nerurke (Oxford) 14:44.7. 1,500m: N Leech (Cambridge) 9:19 8. 3,000m steeplechase: P Bristow (Cambridge) 9:19.8. 400m hurdles: M Hardie (Oxford) 54.7. 4 x 100m: Oxford 43.4. 4 x 400m: Oxford 3:30.5. Hammer: S Clarke (Oxford) 50.36m. Pole Vault: N Clarke (Oxford) 4.10m. Long jump: D Heard (Oxford) 7.30m. Triple jump: D Heard (Oxford) 14.10m. Discus: I Jackson (Oxford) 40.98m. High jump: P McDonnall (Oxford) 2.15m. Shot: I Jackson (Oxford) 13.38m. Javelin: P Fulcher (Cambridge) 62.72m. Women: 100m M Brennan (Oxford) 11.9. 400m: Brennan (Oxford) 58.9. 400m hurdles: M Brennan (Oxford) 67 6. 800m: B Lovett (Cambridge) 2:16 2. 110m hurdles: S Needham (Cambridge) 15 1. 3,000m: L Hand (Cambridge) 10:52 1. Long jump: T Castling (Cambridge) 5.42. High jump: D Nagan (Oxford) 1 60 (record). Discus: H Townsend (Cambridge) 35 58m (record). Shot: D Nagan (Oxford) 9 67m. Javelin: A Trainor (Oxford) 35 0m.

IN BRIEF

Stewart two strokes ahead

Payne Stewart had a six-under-par 64 yesterday to take a two-stroke lead over Peter Jacobson after three rounds of the $500,000 colonial National Invitation tournament at Fort Worth. Stewart finished with a total of 12-under-par 198, the lowest 54-hole score on the PGA tour this year. Gil Morgan was in third place on seven-under-par *203. fourth was* Tom Kite with 206.

MOTOR RACING: Mike Thackwell, of New Zealand, won his fourth European formula two race of the season, taking the lead in his Ralt Honda in the second lap and staying there to the finish.

BOXING: Francisco Quiroz, of the Dominican Republic, knocked out the holder, Lupe Madera, of Mexico in the ninth round to capture the World Boxing Association junior flyweight title in Maracaibo.

MOTOR CYCLING

Lawson increases lead

From Michael Scott, Salzburgring

Eddie Lawson won his third Grand Prix of 1984 here yesterday, increasing his lead in the world championship to 30 points. His fellow Americans, Freddie Spencer and Randy Mamola, were second and third respectively. Spencer's performance was still a disappointment to him, for, after missing two of the season's four grands prix, he needed a win to keep Lawson in his sights.

Ron Haslam, of Britain, was fourth, and his compatriot, Rob McElnea, an excellent fifth. McElnea, riding a two-year-old Suzuki, was taking part in only his second overseas grand prix.

The lead changed hands frequently during the first half of the race, with Lawson having worked his way into contention after Haslam, Spencer and Mamola had each held the advantage. Then Lawson and Mamola broke away from Haslam as Spencer suffered a recurrence of the problems which left him only in third place after practice.

Six laps from the end Lawson pulled away from Mamola, who was soon under a renewed threat from Spencer. The world champion had passed Haslam with three laps to go and, as Mamola'a Honda twice partially seized, he moved into second place almost within sight of the chequered flag.

500CC: 1, E Lawson (US), Yamaha, 41min 29.54sec (180.43 km/h); 2, F Spencer (US), Honda, 41:46.19; 3, R Mamola (US), Honda, 41:47.53; 4, R Haslam (GB), Honda, 41:49.03; 5, R McElnea (GB), Suzuki, 42:04.29; 6, R Roche (Fr), Honda, 42:05.06. World championship: 1, Lawson, 57pts; 2, Roche 37; 3, Spencer 27; 4, Mamola 22; 5, Haslam 21.

250CC: 1, C Sarron (Fr), Yamaha, 41:39.37; 2, T Mang (WG), Yamaha, 41:45.96; 3, A Pons (Sp), Rotax, 41:46.29; 4, G Bertin (Fr), MBA, 41:53.33; 5, C Lavado, (Ven), Yamaha, 41:58.88. World championship: 1, Sarron 39; 2, Pons 35; 3, Mang 23; 4, Lavado 19; 5, M Wimmer (WG), 18.

BASKETBALL

Hadwen fires final shot to silence Greeks

From Robert Pryce, Paris

Britain	106
Greece	104

The British lived up to their reputation yesterday to beat Greece with a 20ft shot in the last second from Seymour Hadwen. It was the first time they had held the lead for the whole game. They trailed by as much as 16 points in the first half and by 104-98 with 19 seconds to go.

Balogun and Hadwen shared the last eight points and both made crucial plays to stop Galis, the Greek gunner, When Hadwen took a charge from Galis, Britain were running out of time.

They passed the ball around in mid-court, went into their stack offence and finaly got the ball to Hadwen deep in the left corner. The Greeks in the crowd screamed and gestured graphically at the referee when the Scottish guard's achingly long shot went in.

At first the British had seemed intent on reliving the disappointment of Saturday's 114-109 loss to France. Once again they were generous under their own basket as they fell 42-26 behind in 12 minutes.

FINAL POOL: (British scores: Tatham 21, Hadwen 7, Johnson 23, Archibald 8, Way 25, Balogun 21, Speid 4): Spain 92, Sweden 76; West Germany 91, Greece 73, Soviet Union 108, Israel 79; Britain 106, Greece 104½ (British scorers: Way 33, Johnson 22, Samson 18, Tatham 11, Balogun 10, Simpson 6, Hadwen 6).

SAO PAULO: Olympic qualifying tournament: Uruguay 95, Cuba 88; Canada 85, Argentina 73; Panama 95, Mexico 87; Puerto Rico 107, Dominican Republic 98.

ROWING

Baillieu renews hopes of third Olympic trip

From Richard Burnell, Vichy

Chris Baillieu kept his hopes for a place in his thrid Olympic Games alive with a good second place in the single sculls at the French championships here yesterday. The Dutchman Ronald Florijn, who put Baillieu out on Saturday, was the early leader, but at 1,000 metres the New Zealander Gerry Reid and Baillieu forged ahead. The lightweight, John Melvin, finished a good fifth.

The British lightweight eight, winners on Saturday, seemed to be taken unawares by a fierce attack by the Italians at around 1,750 metres. Italy and Spain crossed the line together but Great Britain were a length astray. The heaveyweight eight gave a more convincing performance that on Saturday. They were still second behing the United States, who had changed their crew, but clear of France, who were a bare canvas behind Britain on Saturday.

The Nottingham County-based coxless four staked their claim to an Olympic nomination with a good *third place behind the United States* and Switzerland, both potential Olympic medal winners, and three seconds ahead of the other Britsih Hammersmith-based four.

WEEKEND RESULTS

MEN: Coxed Fours: 1, Italy 6min 20.3sec; 2, France 6:22.84; 3, United States 6:24.34. Double Sculls: 1, Italy I 6:34.40; 2, France 6.38 00; 3, Italy II 6:39 77. Coxless Pairs: 1, Netherlands 6.48 72, 2, Italy 6:51.13; 3, Switzerland 6 53.71. Single Sculls: 1, New Zealand (Reid) 7.11.67; 2, GB (Billieu) 7:14.17; 3, Netherlands (Florijn) 7.18.06; 5, GB (Melvin) 7:23.20. Coxed Fours: 1, Italy 7:07.26; 2, Spain 7:16 15 3, US 7:20.55. Coxless Fours: 1, US 6:07.88, 2, Switzerland 6:10.79; 3, GB (Nottingham County) 6:13.62; 5, GB (London) 6:16.95. Quad Sculls: 1, Italy 5:59.21; 2, Netherlands 6:00 33; 3, France 6:01.03. Eights: 1, US 5:39 13; 2, GB 5:41.62; 3, France 5:45.29; 5, GB (Leander) 6.05.38.

WOMEN: Double Sculls: 1, Netherlands 3:19.95; 2, GB (Ray/Bloomfield) 3:22.26; 3, Switzerland 3.29.35. Quad Sculls: 1, Netherlands 3:10.07; 2, Hungary 3:12.16; 3, France 3 13.22. Single Sculls: 1, Hungary (Ambrus) 3 38.61; 2, Belgium (Hazzebrouck) 3.39.92. 3, GB (Mitchell) 3:41.14; 9, GB (Wilson) 3:43 27. Lightweight: Single Sculls: 1, Austria (Reisinger) 7.04 03; 2, Spain (Saez) 7:06.02; 3 Netherlands (Schnoelyer) 7:11.75; 9, GB (Cusack), no time. Coxless fours: 1, Spain 6:16.13; 2, GB (Nottingham) 6:17.36; 3, GB (Leander/Imperial College) 6:18.87; 5, GB (Molesey/Thames Tradesmen) 6:23.63; 6, GB (Nottingham County-Lusczak) 6:30.46. Double Sculls: 1, France 6:29 54; 2, Italy 6:33.94; 3, Spain 6.39.64; 4, GB (Banks/McManus) 6:43.95. Eights: 1, Italy 5:53.15; 2, Spain 5L53.83; 3, GB 5:57 00, 4, GB (Leander) 6:05.24.

SATURDAY: Men: Coxed fours: 1, United States, 6:21.43. Double sculls: 1, Belgium, 6:34 03; 6, Great Britain, 6.38 92. Coxless pairs: 1, Netherlands, 6:43.37; 6, Great Britain (Beattie/Wansley), 7:0.30. Single sculls: 1, New Zealand, 7:07.69. Coxed pairs: 1, Italy, 7:01.97, 2, Great Britain, (Ferris/Cadoux/Hudson), 7:09.86. Coxless fours: 1, Switzerland, 6:00.85. Quad sculls: 1, Italy, 5:52.52. Eights: 1, United States, 5:38.95; 2, Great Britain, 5:44.03. Women's: Double sculls: 1, Netherlands, 3:22.90; 2, Great Britain (Ray/Bloomfield), 3:25.04. Single sculls: 1, Hungary, 3:38.44; 2, Great Britain (Mitchell), 3:39.59; 6, Great Britain (Wilson), 3:49.71. Quad sculls: 1, Netherlands, 3:11 58. Lightweights: Double sculls: 1, Italy, 6:38.63; 5, Great Britain (Banks/McManus), 6:47.01. Single sculls: 1, Austria, 7:06.05. Coxless fours: 1, Spain, 6:19.39; 2, Great Britain (Leander/Imperial College), 6:24.05; 3, Great Britain (Molesey/Thames Tradesman), 6:32.59. Eights: 1, Great Britain (London), 5:53.53; 5, Great Britain (Leander/Lea), 5:59.96, 6, Great Britain (Nottingham), 6:01.39.

RACING

Grise Mine earns French Oaks run

From Desmond Stoneham, Paris

André Fabre collected his ninth group race of the season when Grise Mine won the group one Prix Saint-Alary at Longchamp yesterday. The tall grey filly, who runs in the colours of Baron Guy de Rothschild, came with her customary late run to defeat Northern Trick by half a length with Pampa Bella two and a half lengths away third.

The ex-English filly Ahohoney, who was bought as a pacemaker for her stable mate Almeira (injured), finished an excellent fourth. Reine Mathilde (fifth) was found to be in season after the race.

Much of the running was made by Grise Mine's pacemaker, Paracha, and Ahohoney was always prominent along with Congress Lady and Northern Trick, who took the advantage halfway up the straight. However, she could not hold the late challenge of Grise Mine. Fabre runs Grise Mine next in the Prix de Diane Hermes (French Oaks) where she will again be joined by Northern Trick and Pampa Bella.

PRIX SAINT-ALARY (1¼m): 1, GRISE MINE (Y Saint-Martin); 2, Northern Trick (C Asmussen); 3, Pampa Bella (A Gibert). ALSO RAN: Ahohoney (4th), Reine Mathilde (5th) [illegible]

PRIX DU CADRAN: 1, NEISTRIEN (E Legrix) [illegible]

Yawa failed to stay the two and a half miles of the Prix du Cadran and finished last behind Neistrien, Fubyman Du Teau and Magwal, who was deposed as favourite following a late flood of money for Yawa. Eric Legrix, who was winning his first group race, made every yard of the running on Neustrien and dominated the race.

Patrick Biancone, Neistrien's trainer, said: "He hurt himself during the Prix Jean Prat but is a late developing horse who loved the distance and today's soft ground. He won't go for the Gold Cup but Ballou will, providing he has his ground (good or firm)."

Magwal is also possible for the Ascot Gold Cup but Fabre wants to see how the horse recuperates after the Cadran.

Truculent came back to his best

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when winning the Prix La Force by two and a half lengths from In Focus, who was later disqualified for badly interfering with Gris Trianon.

PRIX LA FORCE (1¼m): 1, TRUCULENT (F Head); 2, Green Sky (O Mongelluzzo); 3, Ti King (C Asmussen). ALSO RAN: Gris Trianon (4th.) In Focus. 5 ran. 2½l, ½l, 1½l. 2l. PARI-MUTUEL 2.30, 3.60. SF: 27.10. 2min 14.5sec. In Focus finished second but was disqualified and placed last.

Nottingham programme

GOING: hurdles, firm; chase, hard.

6.0 BARGAIN BUY SELLING HURDLE (£651: 2m) (8 runners)

2		Ebury Cove 5-11-2	S J O'Neill
3	002	Fair Patrick 5-11-2	–
4	323	Hartfield Lad 5-11-2	S Johnson
5	022	Red Nick 6-11-2	M Brennan
6	401	Vitingo 5-11-2	C Hawkins
7	030	Brokencross (B) 4-10-11	J Nolan
8	0	Cache d'Or (B) 4-10-11	S McNeill
13	013	Top Gold 5-10-11	M Hammond 4

3 Vitingo, 7-2 Top Gold, 34 Hartfield Lad, 6 Red Nick.

6.30 COLWICK HALL HANDICAP CHASE (£1,707: 2m) (8)

1	310	Grey Dolphine (B) 9-12-2 (6 ex)	G Davies
4	140	Orange Tag 11-10-13	S Smith Eccles
8	323	Even Melody 15-10-10	C Hawkins
11	330	Some Jinks 8-10-2	S J O'Neill
12	441	Netherbridge 6-10-0	P Barton
13	021	The Surveyor 8-10-0 (6 ex)	J J O'Neill
14	p-p0	Blenheim Prince 7-10-0	S Johnson
16	34p	Dear Ramus 12-10-0	J A Harris
17	4-40	Ridarragh 10-10-0	D Fisher 7

11-4 Orange Tag, 100-30 Netherbridge, 4 Even Melody, 6 Grey Dolphin.

7.0 HOLIDAY TIME HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,097: 2m) (6)

11	332	Ascenmoor 5-11-7	D Shaw 4
14	1b0	Speedo 5-11-5	S J O'Neill
16	000	Jimmypick 6-11-2	P Blackburn 7
17	030	Grafty Green (B) 9-10-9	A Carroll
18	0f	Tread A Measure 6-10-9	J [illegible]
19	003	Waltersdown 8-10-0	J A Harris

9-4 Speedo, 3 Ascenmoor, 9-2 Tread A Measure, 5 Waltersdown.

7.30 BACK END NOVICES' HANDICAP CHASE (£1,037: 3m) (5)

9	f03	Lucky Vintage 7-11-7	A Webber
10	412	Cloneen King 9-11-7	P Warner
11	330	Owen Glendower 7-11-6	P Richards
13	00f	Flandax Lad 7-11-4	M Hoad 7
14	000	Mulberry Walk 8-11-4	J Suthern

11-8 Cloneen King, 5-2 Lucky Vintage, 5 Owen Glendower, 6 Mulberry Walk.

8.0 WHISSENDINE NOVICES' HUNTERS' CHASE (amateurs £604: 2m 6f) (8)

4	0lu	Jack Of All Trades 8-12-0	C King 4
5		Mesmerist 11-12-0	Miss C Brew 7
6	004/	Mighty Rasner 11-12-0	S Mieseges 7
7	p04	Pamroy Lad 7-12-0	G Williams 7
8		Premier Mai 9-12-0	A Long 7
9	04/0-	Prince Amp 12-12-0	P Sweers 7
13	f0	Clear Try 11-11-9	T Smith 7
15		Horton Helen 9-11-9	H Butler 7

6-4 Jack Of All Trades, 9-4 Prince Amp, 9-2 Pamroy Lad, 6 Horton Helen.

8.30 STAYERS NOVICES' HANDICAP HURDLE (£479: 2m 6f) (7)

5	214	Lenton Palace 4-11-8 (10 ex)	J A Harris
7	fp0	Manna Bridge 6-11-7	P Barton
8	00p	See My Style 8-11-5	R Goldstein
9	002	Willie's Gig 6-11-5	M Brennan
16	324	Roustalla 6-11-2	Mr D Williams
17	f00	Doodleu (B) 7-10-13	G Newman
19	032	Looking For Gold 6-10-4	A Webber

5-2 Looking For Gold, 7-2 Willie's Gig, 4 Lenton Palace, 6 ostule.

NOTTINGHAM SELECTIONS: (By Mandarin). 6.0 Vitingo. 6.30 The Surveyor. 7.0 Tread A Measure. 7.30 Cloneen King. 8.0 Jack Of All Trades. 8.30 Willie's Gig.

Weekend results

Newbury

12.00 1, Cameroun (6-1); 2, Marching Moor (4-1); 3, Zaizafon (7-2). Shurooq (2-1 fav) 8 ran.
12.30 1, Cormorant Wood (7-1); dead heated 1, ... Wassl (9-2) 3, Welsh Idol (25-1). Trojan Fen (7-4 fav). 6 ran. NR: Montekin
1.00 1, Jupiter Island (10-11 fav); 2, Castle Rising (8-1); 3, Trakady (6-4). 6 ran.
1.30 1, Deputy Head (8-1 jt fav); 2, Ismore (11-1); 3, Holt Row (25-1); 4, Vino Rosso (14-1). Its a Pleasure (8-1 jt fav).
2.00 1, Soldier Ant (7-1); 2, Going Going (13-2); 3, My Tony (13-2). Barra Head (7-2 fav) 14 ran.
2.30 1, Face Facts (4-6 fav); 2, Musical Box (11-1); 3, Yabis (33-1). 19 ran. NR: Be My Wings, Walladah.
3.00 1, Mighty Flutter (9-2); 2, Russian Noble (9-2); 3, Rhusted (25-1). Little Hook (100-30 fav). 20 ran.

Beverley

2.30 1, Big Smile (9-1); 2, Video Boom (4-1); 3, Moon Melody (5-1). Judy's Dowsy (5-2 fav). 15 ran. NR: Home and Trade
3.0 1, Rapid Lad (4-1), 2, Scoutsmistake (11-2); 3, Resade (7-1) Gay Meadow (11-4 fav). 13 ran.
3.30 1, Workaday (50-1); 2, Brave Bambino (4-1); 3, Knockglas (25-1). Star Video (1-3 fav). 6 ran.
4.0 1, The Upstart (11-8 fav); 2, Lord Sinclair (9-2); 3, Alancar (10-1). 18 ran.
4.30 1, Higham Grey (8-1); 2, Sea Dart (41); 3, Ardoony (5-2 jt fav). Sea Rappin (5-2 jt fav). 8 ran.
5.0 1, Nohalmdun (2-1); 2, Majuba Hill (6-4 fav); 3, Arala (7-2). 12 ran. NR: Crooning Berry

Bangor

2.15 1, LANCE OF ST GEORGE (5-1); 2, Looking For Gold (2-1 fav); 3, Good Sport (4-1). 6 ran: Super Gayle, Handy Gray.
2.45 1, COURT PAPERS (7-2); 2, Pelican Falls (16-1); 3, Paro-An-Velves (15-8 fav). 12 ran.
3.15 1, TARN (6-1); 2, Outlaw (4-1); 3, Dobson's Choice (15-2). Hardy Ranch (7-2 fav). 11 ran.
3.45 1, THE TOTM Mr S Sherwood (3-1); 2, Says Eye Mr N Babbage (6-1), 3, Rough Estimate A Webber (25-1). Tinker's Trip (11-8 fav) 10 ran.

4.15 1, PARK JET (12-1); 2, Celtic Sell (11-8 fav), 3, Light Sentence A Webber (7-1) 11 ran. NR: Hedaka, Little Sack
4.45 1, ONLY MONEY (11-1); 2, Flittermere (7-1), 3, Fury Boy (7-2). Staccato (3-1 fav) 9 ran.

Newcastle

6.15 1, Dawn Diver (4-6 fav); 2, Beaucoup D'Argent (4-1), 3, Whitley Burn (16-1). 5 ran.
6.45 1, Bobby Brown (2-7 fav), 2, Ocean Cruise (5-2) 2 ran
7.15 1, Run Leah Run (7-1); 2, Turi (20-1); 3, Fionnadoir (6-1). 11 ran.
7.45 1, Good Crack (7-4); 2, Father Delaney (13-8 fav); 3, Fortina's Express (5-2). 5 ran.
8.15 1, Snow Blessed (5-1); 2, Burn Nooka (8-1), 3, Stand Back (13-8 fav) 7 ran.
8.45 1, Master Blaster (5-2 jt-fav); 2, Czernin (11-4); 3, Jacinto Times (5-2 jt-fav). 5 ran.

Warwick

6.15 1, Pepperwood (11-4); 2, Lichen Green (7-4 fav), 3, Brokencross (8-1) 7 ran.
6.45 1, Fortster (10-11 fav); 2, Bennilong (6-1); 3, Leatherstocking (11-2). 4 ran.
7.15 1, Gambling Prince (5-2 jt fav), 2, Cloncormick (7-1), 3 Jubilee Medal (5-2 jt fav) 7 ran
7.45 1, Nugent (9-2); 2, Another Deed (2-1 fav), 3, Dropsnot (12-1). 10 ran. NR: Fortune Cookie, King Hustler
8.15 1, Barbaras Bunny (4-5 fav), 2, Spartan Scot (7-1), 3, Free Drop (25-1). 12 ran
8.45 1, Charlemount (16-1), 2, Light Song (3-1 fav), 3, Mandnano (14-1). 13 ran

Point-to-point

DULVERTON WEST: Hunt: Jane King. L Op: Bararden Op: Lay-the-Trump PPOA: Bubbling Spirit Adj: Kinker's Quest Mdn: Rosebergen
MELTON HUNT CLUB: Hunt: Cabar Feidh. R. Op I: Royal Missile L Op: Witchin. Nov: Stanwich Lad Farmers: White Paper Op: John Bunyan R. Op II: Inkerman
YSTRAD: Hunt: Mile Mark R. Op: Polrone Adj: Saddlers Queen L Op: National Clover Op: Loch Raven. Mdn: Immortal Man

● Gate Dancer, a 9-2 chance won the Preakness Stakes, the second leg of the US triple crown, on Saturday, in the record time of 1min, 53.6sec, at the Pimlico track in Baltimore. Swale, who won the Kentucky Derby, finshed eighth.

Leaders on the Flat

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	[illegible] since win	Level stakes
G Harwood	20	13	19	7	−18 14
R Hollinshead	18	6	13	8	+ 3.50
H Cecil	17	13	7	0	− 4 16
J Dunlop	15	9	4	0	−10 73
P Cole	14	6	5	3	+51 95
W O'Gorman	14	11	6	5	+ 4.52
J Berry	13	20	11	1	−54.49
P Haslam	13	2	2	3	+50 76
M Stoute	12	12	11	3	−18 45
R Hannon	11	8	9	3	−37 83

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
P Eddery	28	18	15	0	+12.35
S Cauthen	26	21	21	5	−27 16
W Swinburn	19	13	12	11	+13.57
W Carson	18	18	16	5	−48 15
T Ives	18	25	13	3	−53.21
G Duffield	17	22	9	16	−62.53
L Piggott	16	19	17	0	−22.07
B Rouse	15	12	17	0	−58 87
S Perks	14	12	5	17	−20 30
P Robinson	14	10	11	16	+ 8 75

CYCLING

Mitchell skids and falls but bursts through

By John Wilcockson

Neil Mitchell, from Liverpool, yesterday celebrated his last-minute selection for the Milk Race by winning the VAT Watkins Prand Prix at Welwyn Garden City. He competes for the Young England team in the round-Britain race, which starts next Sunday in Brighton.

Mitchell was one of seven riders who dominated the 98-miles Watkins race. Keith Reynolds Olympic contender, began the break with Jason Ford, of South Wales, in the first 10 miles, and they were joined by Mitchell and four others 30 miles later.

On reaching the finishing circuit of five miles, to be covered seven times, they were more than three minutes ahead of the main group. As the rain set in, Mitchell skidded and fell, but chased back to rejoin the others. Reynolds attacked with one lap remaining. He was joined by another Midlands rider. Geoff Platts, and they looked like staying clear until Mitchell took up the chase in the last two miles. Mitchell caught them 200 yards from the finish, and brilliantly burst through to gain his first major success.

VAT WATKINS GRAND PRIX: 1, N Mitchell (Kirkby), 98 miles in 3 hr 41 min 58 sec; 2, G Platts (Charnwood); 3, K Reynolds (G S Strada), same time; 4, J Ford (Wyvern), 3: 42.15; 5, D Mann (Bradford Wheelers), same time.

WINNING MAGAZINE GRAND PRIX: Final race (at Norwich on Saturday): 1, M Elliott (Raleigh), 23 miles in 52 min 30 sec; 2, P Thomas (Falcon); 3, A Doyle (RMC), 4, S Joughin (Moducel); 5, A James (Nico Sport), same time. Overall: 1, Thomas, 35 pts, 2, Doyle, 32; 3, Joughin, 23.

RACING: CECIL COULD BE LEFT WITHOUT A DERBY RUNNER

YARMOUTH

GOING: good to firm.
TOTE DOUBLE: 3.15, 4.15. TREBLE: 2.45, 3.45, 4.45.
Draw: No advantage.

2.15 PRIMROSE MAIDEN STAKES (2-y-o: £826: 5f 25yd) (6 runners)

2		EQUILIBRE (Swinton Holdings) M Hinchcliffe 9-0	B Thomson	6
3	0	HADISCO REED (B) (K Read) D Thom 9-0	M L Thomas	4
4	043	JOLLY BUSINESS (Mrs V Lewis) A Ingham 9-0	L Piggott	5
5		NEW WELLINGTON (D Read) M Ryan 9-0	M Giles	2
6	02	NO REBATE (Mrs J Fisher) M Ryan 9-0	P Robinson	3
7	2	ROCK ON DEE (Mrs A Upsdell) J Jenkins 9-0		1

1983: No corresponding meeting.

7-4 Jolly Business, 11-4 No Rebate, 4 Rock On Dee, 8 Hadisco Reed, 10 Equilibre, 14 New Wellington.

Yarmouth selections

By Mandarin

2.15 No Rebate. 2.45 Poppy Seed. 3.15 The Pawn. 3.45 Star Of Ireland. 4.15 *Tocave.* 4.45 *Llinos.*

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.15 Equilibre. 2.45 Lysithea. 3.15 The Pawn. 3.45 Kiev. 4.15 Canadian Crown. 4.45 Llinos.

2.45 TULIP SELLING STAKES (3-y-o: £707: 6f) (4)

1	00-0000	BARNABY GRANDE (B) (G Mitchell) Pat Mitchell 8-11	Gay Kelleway 5	6
3	00-020	DADDY'S PLEASURE (L Berry) P Brookshaw 8-11	M L Thomas	9
4	00040-0	FIGHTING JIMMY (K Hutt) D Wilson 8-11		2
5	0000-0	HERE I AM (R Harris) D Wilson 8-11	B Crossley	14
6	0000-00	SURFING ERA (D) (J Okden) A Ingham 8-11	R Still	5
7	000-000	AIR STRIKE (Mrs A Price) B Stevens 8-8	P Bloomfield 5	8
8		ANSER CHASTANET (J Vaughan) M Tompkins 8-8	R Curant	4
11	0000-00	LAFROWDA (R Warren) R Hoad 8-8	D McKeown	1
12	33022-0	LYSITHEA (B) (Mrs J Royle) M Prescott 8-8	A P O'Reilly 7	12
13	0000-00	MONTANA DAWN (B) (K Ivory) K Ivory 8-8	M Parker 7	11
14	000-	POPPY SEED (B) (V Sassie) A Jarvis 8-8	L Piggott	7
15	0000-00	QUITE ALERT (B) (J Kearney) A Bailey 8-8	D Fowler-Wright 7	10
18	0	TURN TO GOLD (D Moore) E Eldin 8-8	A Mackay	3
19	000-000	WENSUN LASS (C Rogers) B Richmond 8-8	P Robinson	13

5-2 Lysithea, 7-2 Daddy's Pleasure, 5 Poppy Seed, 6 Quite Alert, 8 Fighting Jimmy, 10 Here I Am, 12 Surfing Era, 16 others.

FORM: Barnaby Grande (9-0) not in first 9 to Portlaw (9-0) 24 ran. Lingfield 7f 140yd mdn stks good May 12. Daddy's Pleasure (9-0) 9th beaten 17l to Il Tigre (9-0), 9 ran. Haydock 6f mdn stks hard May 7. Fighting Jimmy (8-4) 12th beaten over 12l to Honourable Admiral (7-11), 13 ran. Bath 5f 167yd h'cap firm May 12. Here I Am (8-4) not in first 9 to Kiowa (8-10) and Lafrowda (8-2) unplaced, 17 ran. Salisbury 6f app'ce h'cap firm May 9. Surfing Era (7-7) not in first 9 to Pusey Street (9-2), 16 ran. Kempton 6f h'cap good to soft Apr 6. Air Strike 8-7 not in first 9 to Bossy Boots (9-1), 20 ran. Warwick 7f h'cap firm Apr 24. Lysithea (8-11) 10th beaten 11l to Moondawn (9-0), 16 ran. Haydock 6f mdn stks form Apr 21. Montana Dawn (8-6) 14th beaten over 20l to Jackdaw (9-7), 14 ran. Beverley 2m mdn stks good to soft Apr 6. Poppy Seed (8-8) 5th beaten 9½l to Anton Pillar (9-3), 13 ran. Brighton 5f 66yd stks good Sep 28. Quite Alert (8-6) not in first 9 to Little Neice (8-11), 17 ran. Salisbury 1m 2f mdn stks good Apr 7.
Selection: POPPY SEED.

3.15 REEDHAM FERRY HANDICAP (£1,760: 1m 6f) (12)

1	411-014	VAL CLIMBER (CD) (J Gahan) R Stubbs 6-9-10	S Bridle 7	2
2	30-0000	GLENHAWK (Express Newspapers) M Ryan 8-9-7	P Bloomfield 5	5
4	020-041	THE PAWN (B) (Miss C Coyne) M Ryan 5-9-0 (3 ex)	P Robinson	4
6	21-0404	AL NASR (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) C Benstead 6-8-12	A Murray	11
7	0400-32	GOING BROKE (BF) (J O'Neill) D Murray Smith 4-8-11	L Piggott	7
8	00/000-	STEADY DUDLEY (Mrs R Deal) J Scallan 4-8-10		1
9	00000-2	RANT AND RAVE (Miss N Thesiger) J Jenkins 4-8-10		10
12	0410-03	KITTY COME HOME (D) (T Ramsden) D Dale 4-8-10	R Curant	3
13	00042-0	FAVOURITE NEPHEW (Sheikh Mohammed) F Durr 3-8-6	A Weiss 5	8
14	300004-	MERMAID (J Sainsbury) D Ringer 4-8-5	P D'Arcy	6
18	000/000	QUEENSBURY JOE (B) (Mrs D Carvalho) D Dale 4-7-12	M L Thomas	12
20	000-04	RACHELS GIRL (Mrs A Ferguson) W Wharton 3-7-7	B Crossley	9

3 Going Broke, 4 Rant And Rave, 6 The Pawn, Val Climber, 8 Favourite Nephew, 9 Kitty Come Home, 10 Glenhawk, 12 Al Nasr, 16 others.

FORM: Val Climber (9-2) 4th beaten 15l to Bean Boy (8-4), 10 ran. Redcar 1m 4f h'cap firm May 8. The Pawn (8-7) won ¾l from Rikki Tavi (9-10), 5 ran. Haydock 2m 28yd h'cap hard May 7. Al Nasr (8-0) 4th beaten 5½l to Fitzpatrick (9-5), 11 ran. Salisbury 1m 6f h'cap firm May 10. Going Broke (8-6) 2nd beaten sh hd to Ardoony (8-12), 10 ran. Nottingham 1m 5f h'cap firm May 1. Rant And Rave (7-13) 2nd beaten ½l to Dragon Fire (6-3), 8 ran. Bath 1m 3f 150yd h'cap firm May 1. Kitty Come Home (7-12) 9th beaten over 22l to Dragoon Fire (7-5), 13 ran. Warwick 1m 4f 52yd h'cap good May 7. Favourite Nephew (8-9) not in first 9 to Bernini (9-0), 22 ran. Nottingham 1m 2f mdn stks good to soft Apr 3. Rachels Girl (8-11) 4th beaten 12l to Water Cannon (9-0), 6 ran. Thirsk 2m mdn stks firm Apr 27.
Selection: THE PAWN.

3.45 GREYHOUND HANDICAP (£1,971: 1m 2f) (13)

2	0000-00	JUNGLE ROMEO (V Kilkenny) D Murray Smith 4-9-8	M Wigham	2
5	43000/0	CHIEF SPEAKER (N Spreadbury) D Wilson 6-9-4	R Curant	12
6	00043-0	LAHAB (Sheikh Mohammed) F Durr 4-9-3	A Weiss 5	1
7	144040-	DHOFAR (D) (Lt-Col E Herries) G Pritchard-Gordon 4-8-3	A Murray	5
8	0000-02	STAR OF IRELAND (H Pink) A Jarvis 4-9-2	L Piggott	9
10	22200-0	WORLINGFOOT (C) (G Hubbard) M Ryan 4-9-1	P Robinsn	13
13	244-00f	TACHYROS (B) (T Thompson) M Ryan 4-8-8	A Kimberley	8
14	44-1200	KIEV (G Kaye) P Kelleway 3-8-7	Gay Kelleway 5	6
15	0-00	LINDA'S REBEL (J Bray) R Armstrong 3-8-4	P Tuck	7
17	00404-1	STYLISH MOVER (Burton & Smith) B Stevens 5-8-2	P Bloomfield 5	3
19	0/00000-	SHARP STAR (B Snooks) G Blum 6-7-7	M L Thomas	11
20	000000	PRINCESS MONA (J Saunders) C Benstead 5-7-7	B Crossley	4
21	00000/0-	GOLDEN SHERRY (S Bird) J Scallan 5-7-7	R Still	10

11-4 Stylish Mover, 7-2 Star Of Ireland, 9-2 Kiev, 6 Lahab, 8 Worlingfoot, Jungle Romeo.

FORM: Jungle Romeo (8-8) not in first 9 of 21 to Joyful Dancer (7-11) Newbury 1m h'cap good Apr 14. Lahab (8-10) 12th beaten over 12l to Windpipe (9-0), 2 ran. Newcastle 1m app'ce h'cap good to soft Apr 21. Star Of Ireland (8-5) 2nd beaten hd to Qualitair Prince (8-2), 17 ran. Kempton 1m 2f h'cap good May 7. Worlingfoot (9-1) not in first 13 to Rio Deva (8-3), 19 ran. Leicester 1m 2f h'cap good to firm Apr 28. Stylish Mover (8-0) won 2l from Fast Service (7-9) with Kiev (8-5) 7th beaten 2¼l, 22 ran. Epsom 1m 110yd app'ce h'cap firm Apr 25.
Selection: STAR OF IRELAND.

4.15 DAFFODIL MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-o: £1,044: 7f) (17)

1	0000-	ABJAD (H H Prince Yazid Saud) G Huffer 9-0	M Rimmer	6
5	24	CANADIAN CROWN (I Allan) L Cumani 9-0	D McHargue	12
7	00-	CINQUIEME ROUE (W Du Pont III) G Pritchard-Gordon 9-0	A Murray	14
10		HARLOW BILT (Harlow Bros) P Brockshaw 9-0	M L Thomas	5
14	0	ROYAL CHARGE (E Moller) G Wragg 9-0	J Ogihara 5	16
17		SULTAN ZAMAN (B Hamond) G Huffer 9-0	B Crossley	9
18	22	TOCAVE (BF) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) H Cecil 9-0	L Piggott	10
19	00	ASTRAL LADY (D Prenn) J Winter 8-11		17
21	00-	COURT GOSSIP (W Du Pont III) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-11	D Gibson	1
22		ERROL EMERALD (I Redford) E Eldin 8-11		8
23	020040-	EXACTLY LIKE YOU (R Lalemant) F Durr 8-11	A Weiss 5	3
24	00	HIMALAYA (A Hide) A Hide 8-11	R Guest	11
25	0000-00	IN A NUTSHELL (B) (Mrs D Doughty) D Thom 8-11		15
26		JERSEY LILY (G Kaye) P Kelleway 8-11	Gay Kelleway 5	2
28		MANADINA (Capt M Lemos) C Brittain 8-11	P Robinson	4
40		SMASHING DAME (R Sangster) M Stoute 8-11	A Kimberley	7
41		THERE THERE (Rockhouse Stud) W O'Gorman 8-11	D McKeown	13

4-6 Tocave, 4 Canadian Crown, 6 Smashing Dame, 9 There There, 12 Cinquieme Roue.

FORM: Abjad (8-11) 5th beaten 10½l to Van Dyke Brown (9-0), 13 ran. Yarmouth 7f mdn stks Sep 15. Canadian Crown (9-0) 4th beaten to Falmouth Harbour (8-11), 16 ran. Leicester 1m mdn stks good to firm Apr 28. Cinquieme Roue (9-0) 7th beaten over 5l to Secret Way (8-11), 19 ran. York 7f mdn stks good to soft Oct 7. Tocave (9-0) 2nd beaten 3l to Karkan (9-0) and Royal Charge (9-0) not in first 11 of 20. Newmarket 1m mdn stks good to firm May 3. Astral Lady (8-11) 8th beaten 4¼l to Double Celt (8-11), 17 ran. Warwick 1m stks good to firm Apr 30. Court Gossip (8-11) 7th beaten over 11l to Nepula (8-11), 16 ran. Wolverhampton 7f mdn stks firm July 4. Exactly Like You (8-11) 11th beaten over 8l to Really Honest (9-0), 14 ran. Redcar 6f mdn stks good to firm Oct 25.
Selection: TOCAVE.

4.45 HARBOUR HANDICAP (3-y-o fillies: £1,303: 1m) (11)

1	0030-00	INSET LADY (Miss C Coyne) M Ryan 9-7	P Robinson	9
2	4000-01	LLINOS (J Lloyd) J Winter 9-3 (5 ex)	L Piggott	7
3	022003-	PENDORI (B) (Mrs M Cooke) N Callaghan 9-1		3
4	03000-0	EMPRESS CORINA (R Swift) R J Williams 9-1	A Murray	10
6	000-40	BABA ANN (B) (Sheikh Mohammed) A Stewart 8-9	D McHargue	5
7	014	ALAYYAM (S Hadeed) P Cole 8-8	T Quinn 3	2
9	02000-2	RIEVAUX RAVER (A Moore) W Wharton 8-6		6
10	000-0	CASCABEL (E Johnson) M Tomkins 8-5	R Curant	1
11	0000-01	HUMBERSIDE LADY (D) (Humberside Enterprises) G Huffer 8-3	M Rimmer	4
15	000-	MISS FELHAM (F Lipscomb) M Hinchliffe 7-7	B Crossley	11
16	000000-	SANDRA (G Blum) G Blum 7-7	M L Thomas	8

11-8 Llinos, 3 Alayyam, 4 Humberside Lady, 6 Rievaux Raver, 9 Inset Lady, 12 others.

FORM: Inset Lady (8-7) 8th beaten over 10l to Glen Na Smole (7-9), 13 ran. Kempton 7f h'cap good May 7. Llinos (8-11) won hd from Nadia Nerina (8-11) with Empress Corina (8-11) 6th beaten 5l and Baba Ann (8-11) 12th of 12. Chester 7f 22yd mdn stks good to firm May 9. Pendori (8-3) 3rd beaten 4½l to Nepula (8-6), 8 ran. Yarmouth 7f h'cap firm Apr 18. Alayyam (7-10) 4th beaten 2¼l to Our Lady (8-0), 17 ran. Nottingham 1m h'cap good to firm Oct 25. Reivaux Raver (8-11) 3rd beaten 4l to Tapouscha (8-11), 22 ran. Doncaster 7f sell stks good to firm May 7. Humberside Lady (8-8) won 1l from Video Boom (9-5), 18 ran. Thirsk 1m sell stks firm Apr 27.
Selection: LLINOS.

Tocave best of Piggott quartet

By Mandarin

Lester Piggott, in irresistible form with a treble at Newbury on Saturday, can put himself right back in the jockeys' championship picture by riding four more winners at Yarmouyh this afternoon on **Poppy Seed** (2.45), **Star of Ireland** (3.45), **Tocave** (4.15) and **Llinos** (4.45).

Tocave's chance in the Daffodil Maiden Stakes is outstanding and Henry Cecil's colt need only reproduce his Newmarket second to Karkan to get off the mark. The winner is highly thought of at Pulborough and the form of the Newmarket race was given a substatnial fillip when Mighty Flutter, sixth at Headquarters, won a division of the hotly-contested maiden race at Newbury on Saturday.

The form of Tocave's debut run at Newmarket has also worked out well. On that occasion he split Bold Indian and Portlaw and both those horses have won since with Bold Indian going on to finish second in a competitive handicap at York last week. Enchanted Castle, seventh at Newmarket, has also franked the form by winning twice.

Llinos was a 20-1 chance when winning at Chester 12 days ago but looks sure to start favourite in the Harbour Fillies Handicap. The weights for this contest were framed before Chester and had the handicapper had the evidence of that race, he would have given Llinos a lot more to do.

Star of Ireland's second to Qualitair Prince gives him a clear chance in the Greyhound Handicap while Poppy Seed, also trained by Alan Jarvis at Royston, showed sufficient promise when fifth to Anton Pillar at Brighton last September to suggest that she can take care of some moderate rivals in the Tulip Selling Stakes.

Piggott will also be supported to win the Reedham Ferry Handicap on Going Broke but here I give marginal preference to Mick Ryan's versatile five-year-old, The Pawn, who has incurred only a small penalty for his recent Haydock success.

For the second successive Monday, Bill O'Gorman fields leading contenders for both two-year-old races at Windsor's evening meeting. A week ago O'Gorman saddled Master Crofter to win the maiden and Adelphai to finish a close third in the fillies' race.

Tonight Adelphai appears to have the easier task of the pair and the fitting of blinkers should help her to gain her first win in the Whitehall Stakes. Master Crofter faces three other previous winners in the Charing Cross Stakes and may have go give best to Dancer's Shadow, whose Chester effort is best ignored.

The Edinburgh card is largely short on quality but nevertheless provides the day's best bet in **Corncharm** (5.0). Matt McCormack thought so highly of this son of Thatch that he ran him in the Dewhurst last October and the Blue Riband Trial at Epsom four weeks ago. However, the race that points to his outstanding chance here was at Brighton only last Wednesday.

In that six-furlong handicap, carrying 9st 7lb, Corncharm finished well to be third to Kiowa and seven furlongs against this lesser opposition looks ideal.

Course specialists

WINDSOR

TRAINERS: G Harwood 23 winners from 84 runners, 27.4%; W O'Gorman 12 from 48, 25.0%; J Tree 10 from 54, 185%.
JOCKEYS: P Robinson 11 winners from 56 rides, 19.6%; W Carson 32 from 184, 17.4%; T Ives 13 from 184, 17.4%.

EDINBURGH

TRAINERS: M Prescott 17 winners from 58 runners, 28.8%; Denys Smith 8 from 87, 10.3%.
JOCKEYS: J Lowe 8 winners from 128 rides, 6.3%.

YARMOUTH

TRAINERS: H Cecil 48 winners from 150 runners, 32.0%; L Cumani 32 from 134, 23.9%; W O'Gorman 17 from 85, 20.0%.
JOCKEYS: L Piggott 73 winners from 231, 31.6%; M Thomas 12 from 94, 12.8%; P Robinson 24 from 213, 11.3%.



Lester Piggott (left) in overdrive as Face Facts masters Musical Box at Newbury (Photograph: George Selwyn)

Doubts grow over Claude Monet

By John Karter

Henry Cecil, who has still to win the Derby, could be without a runner this year. Cecil says that he is still not entirely happy with the wellbeing of Claude Monet and that there is only a 50-50 chance of the colt running. A decision will be made on Wednesday.

Cecil's other Derby candidate, Alleging, runs in the Predominate Stakes at Goodwood tomorrow, but the trainer does not rate him good enough for Epsom yet and says that he will have to win very easily to earn his place.

Other Derby news to emerge over the weekend was that Dick Hern confirmed that Kaytu is the probable Derby mount for Carson and said that his other possible contender, Head For Heights, was more likely to go for the French equivalent, the Prix du Jockey Club.

For racing folk, of course, the month of May means an obsession with Epsom in June and what is running and who is riding in the Derby and the Oaks. It made a pleasant change, therefore, to forget about what lay ahead and simply enjoy a marvellous day's sport for what it was at Newbury on Saturday.

The crowd at Wembley might have had those two goals to send them clean over the moon with ecstasy, but those packed into the stand at the Berkshire course could surely have claimed that the "scoring" by Messrs Piggott, Carson and Cauthen was equal to anything that that over-publicized football match had to offer.

Numerically speaking, Piggott was king for the day, but Carson and Cauthen provided, perhaps, the most sustained piece of excitement with their desperate duel throughout the final furlong of the featured Juddmonte Lockinge Stakes. After the drama at the start when the heavily-backed Trojan Fen slipped and unseated Paul Eddery, Carson set out to make all the running on Wassl.

This he looked like doing until about a furlong from home, at which point Cauthen could be seen coasting up to him on last year's Champion Stakes heroine, Cormorant Wood. When the American pushed Barry Hills's filly into the lead the race looked all over, but as anyone who knows Carson will tell you, the demonic little Scotsman never considers he is beaten until the numbers are in the frame.

Head down like a rugby forward, Carson drove Wassl back up alongside Cormorant Wood to snatch a share of the prize right on the line. This was surely one of the champion's finest efforts for a long time.

Cormorant Wood, who could well develop into a leading contender for the Arc de Triomphe, will try to become the first of her sex to win the Eclipse Stakes after taking in the Prince of Wales's Stakes at Royal Ascot. Wassl, too, will be tilting at one of the prestige prizes there, although in his case it will be the shorter Queen Anne Stakes. Trojan Fen, who was considered something of a certainty by Henry Cecil, will miss Ascot, however, to run in the Diomed Stakes at Epsom.

Another of Saturday's winners likely to move on to the Royal meeting is the ever-improving Jupiter Island, who comfortably disposed of Castle Rising and Trakady in the Aston Park Stakes. Piggott was as tender on Jupiter Island as he could possibly be and the narrow winning margin could have been extended considerably, a remark that applies even more to Piggott's second victory for Clive Brittain, on Soldier Ant in the London Gold Cup.

If, however, most competent riders could have won on the Brittain pair, surely few if any could have equalled Piggott's superhuman effort in getting Face Facts, the odds-on favourite for the first division of the Shaw Maiden Stakes, up to edge out Carson, on Musical Box.

Ascot next for Sadler's Wells

From Our Irish Correspondent

At the Curragh on Saturday, Vincent O'Brien emulated the achievement of the late Paddy Prendergast by completing the English-Irish 2,000 Guineas double in the same season with two different performers. Prendergast brought off this particular double in 1960 with Martial and Kythnos while this weekend Sadler's Wells added the Airlie-Coolmore Irish 2,000 Guineas to the Newmarket win of El Gran Senor.

Perhaps the most surprising aspect of the success was the 10-1 starting price of the winner, who if it had been a handicap would have been asked to give weight all round. Pat Eddery had choice of mounts, and he elected to put his trust in home gallops rather than the form book in opting for Capture Him. Once the punters got to know of this choice, there was a marked reluctance to have anything to do with Sadler's Wells.

Sadler's Wells was virtually the leader from start to finish. He was briefly headed a furlong out by the French trained Procida, but once George McGrath asked Sadler's Wells for a further effort, he got a quick response and won cleverly by a neck. The winner will now go for the St James Palace Stakes at Royal Ascot.

Secreto, ran an excellent race to be beaten less than a length into third place and goes for the Epsom Derby. His rider, Christy Roche, said afterwards "He did not quicken as I expected, but ran like a horse that needs at least 10 furlongs or further".

The Bill O'Gorman trained Reesh showed breathtaking early pace to win the Curragh Bloodstock Agency Greenlands Stakes by half a length from Committed.

3.55 AIRLINE COOLMORE IRISH 2,000 GUINEAS (GROUP 1: £83,888: 1m)
SADLER'S WELLS b c by Northen Dancer – Fairy Bridge (R Sangster) 9-0 G McGrath (10-1) 1
Procida br c by Mr Prospector – With Distinction (S Niarchos) 9-0 L C Asmussen (15-1) 2
Secreto b c by Northern Dancer – Betty's Secret (L Miglietti) 9-0 C Roche (6-4 Fav) 3
Also Ran: 85-40 Rousillon, 6 Capture Him (4th), 14 Hegemony, 25 Fiery Celt, 50 Seafaring, 250 Tomeiland. 9 ran. neck, ½l, M V O'Brien at Cashel.
TOTE: Win: 97p. Places: 22p, 48p, 17p. CSF: £126.41. NR: Lak Lustre.

Precocious retired

By Dick Hinder

The Henry Cecil-trained Precocious, unbeaten in five races last season as a two-year-old, has been retired and will stand at a Newmarket stud next year. Cecil said: "He chipped a bone in his near fore-knee after winning the Gimcrack Stakes at York. He came back into training in March, but owing to the very hard ground, his preparation has been difficult and because of soreness in his knee, it was decided to retire him."

Precocious is owned by the Marquess and Marchioness of Tavistock and Lady Tavistock said at her Woburn home yesterday: "We are terribly disappointed. He never had the chance to reach his full potential, but we hope he will make a successful stallion and pass on his speed to future generations."

Precocious was home bred at the Bloomsbury Stud, and was out of Lady Tavistock's remarkable brood mare Mrs Moss, whose first eight foals all won including Krayyan, Pushy, the Queen Mary Stakes winner, and Jupiter Island.

● Jupiter Island's victory was marred by the news that the five-year-old's sire, St Paddy, aged 27, was put down on Friday. The death of the 1960 dual classic winner was part of a major double blow for the British breeding industry. Later on the same day Welsh Pageant broke a shoulder in his box and also had to be destroyed.

WINDSOR

GOING: good.
Draw: high numbers best.

6.0 MAYFAIR STAKES (Div I: 3-y-o: £773: 1m 2f 22yd) (17)

5	0-0	ALSUFUUH C Benstead 8-11	B Rouse	2
8	0	CITIZEN BULL B Hills 8-11	S Cauthen	5
9	0-0	COOLCHAIN S Mellor 8-11	N Howe	15
11	00-0	DALLAS SMITH R Akehurst 8-11	G Baxter	6
12	0-00	DUST CONQUERER R Armstong 8-11	G Sexton	3
13		EASTER HOLLOW B Stevens 8-11	P Bloomfield 5	9
22	00-0	JUST AUTUMN A Jarvis 8-11	Pat Eddery	8
23	000	KING HARRY N Vigors 8-11	P Cook	7
24	000-0	LECTOR D Elsworth 8-11	D Brown 7	4
26	00	LIMIN J Dunlop 8-11	W Carson	1
29	00-	MISTER FEATHERS J King 8-11	J Reid	14
32	0-	NORE TENDER I Wardle 8-11	–	16
33	00-02	OLD HUBERT (BF) A Bailey 8-11	P Robinson	12
39	0-0	STOCKSIGN (B) G Hunter 8-11	T Rogers	12
46	0-	FAIR TUNE M Madgwick 8-8	J Matthias	13
51	0-0	ROSE OF HARPENDEN R Thompson 8-8	P Bradwell	17
55	0-	STATE AFFAIR M Jarvis 8-8	B Raymond	11

1983: Bedtime 8-7 W Carson (Evens fav) W Hern 12 ran.

7-2 Citizen Bull, 4 Just Autumn, 9-2 Old Hubert, 5 State Affair, Limin, 8 Lector, 10 Dust Conquerer, 16 others.

Windsor selections

By Mandarin

6.0 Old Hubert. 6.30 Adelphai. 6.55 Spiv's Right. 7.20 Rare Gal. 7.50 *Dancer's Shadow.* 8.20 Ruse. 8.50 Heartfelt.

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6.0 State Affair. 6.30 Adelphai. 6.55 Spiv's Right. 7.20 Longcross. 7.50 Master Crofter. 8.20 Our Lady. 8.50 The Villain.

6.30 WHITEHALL STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £992: 5f) (19)

3	23	ADELPHAI (B) W O'Gorman 8-11	T Ives	3
4		BRADY'S LADY C Wildman 8-11	R Hills	10
6		COURTLANDS GIRL A Turnell 8-11	J Williams	2
7	0	CREETOWN LADY G Huntner 8-11	P Waldron	17
8		DOLLY'S PET G Blum 8-11	R Fox	14
9		FOUNTAIN COFFEE R Champion 8-11	I Johnson	7
11		GODSEND C Benstead 8-11	B Rouse	8
15		LA SIGNORINA SILCA D Elsworth 8-11	Pat Eddery	4
16		MAIDEN BIDDER H Beasley 8-11	G Sexton	6
19	00	MILVA R Hannon 8-11	A McGlone	13
20		MISS LOVING M Ryan 8-11	P Robinson	9
25	00	ROMAN MAID J Bosley 8-11	R Street	19
26		SALLY O'BRIEN P Makin 8-11	R Wernham	12
27	0	SANANN N Gaselee 8-11	M Hills	15
30		SOPHIE LOUISE Rex Carter 8-11	A Makay	11
32	0	TAVISGROVE B Stevens 8-11	P Bloomfield 5	5
35	02	TYROLLIE N Vigors 8-11	P Cook	18
36		VIA B Hobbs 8-11	G Baxter	1
37	4	YULI B Swift 8-11	J Reid	16

1983: Filia Matris 8-11 (9-4 fav) W O'Gorman 24 ran.

Evens Adelphai, 4 Miss Loving, 5 Via, 6 Tyrollie, 10 Sally O'Brien, Yuli, 14 others.

6.55 SERPENTINE SELLING HANDICAP (£988: 1m 70yd) (21)

2	0000	DERRY DON N Vigors 4-9-9	P Cook	14
3	000/3-	SDENKA'S HUSSAR (B) Mrs R Lomax 4-9-8	B Rouse	18
4	0400-	TYMPALAI J Spearing 4-9-7	P Robinson	19
5	000-0	SADARA BOY L Holt 3-9-4	P Waldron	21
6	000-1	ROBERTS GIRL R Hodges 4-9-2	J Mercer	5
8	000-	SUMMER STOP D Elsworth 3-9-2	D Brown 7	20
10	000	UPTOWN GIRL J P Smith 4-9-1	J Reid	8
11	014-0	SPIV'S RIGHT G Huffer 3-8-13	M Miller	13
12	1-000	HOPEFUL WATERS J Spearing 4-8-12	W Carson	9
14	20-00	CRACIOUS HOMES D Haydn Jones 3-8-11	A Barclay	15
15	0-000	FREEBIE M Haynes 4-8-11	S Cauthen	10
16	0-000	SPICE MARKET (B) S Matthews 3-8-11	B Jago	6
19	0/00-	TINTED BLONDE D Ringer 4-8-10	W R Swinburn	12
20	0000	BARNALYRA (BF) M McCormack 3-8-10	R Woolward	2
21	03-00	SONG TO SINGO Rex Carter 4-8-9	B Raymond	16
22	0-030	SAUNSON BOY (B) B McMahon 4-8-9	A Mackay	7
24	0000	ELLAN VRETYN D Jermy 4-8-8	I Jenkinson	4
25	0000-	WOLVER PLUME Peter Taylor 3-8-8	NON-RUNNER	
26	0000	LADY LIZA B Stevens 3-8-7	P Bloomfield 5	17
28	0000	IMPERIAL PRINCESS (B) P Makin 3-8-5	R Wernham	3
29	20-00	RAGASON M McCourt 3-8-4	T Williams	5

1983: Brown Shadow 3-8-10 A Barclay (9-2) M Pipe 18 ran.

4 Gracious Homes, 5 Roberts Girl, Uptown Girl, 6 Spivs Right, Summer Stop, 8 Hopeful Waters, 10 Spice Market, 14 Song To Singo, 16 others.

7.20 PARK ROYAL HANDICAP (3-y-o: £3,061: 6f) (21)

2	0-400	HIT THE HEIGHTS (D) G Lewis 9-7	P Waldron	5
3	2200	GHAZIBAY (D) E Witts 9-1	D McKeown	13
5	4-1	LONGCROSS (D) M Stoute 9-0	W R Swinburn	18
6	4210	CAPTAIN CRUMPET N Vigors 9-0	P Cook	20
7	120-2	RARE GAL G Huffer 8-10	–	6
10	00-00	CLASSICAL VINTAGE J Bradley 8-6	John Williams	21
11	100-0	RUNNING BULL B Hanbury 8-6	P Hamblett	4
12	2010-	LOVERS BID (D) J Hindley 8-5	M Hills	14
14	011-0	CROSSY HILL (C) K Brassey 8-4	B Rouse	11
16	0-100	NATIVE HERO P Mitchell 8-4	P Robinson	1
18	0-041	DOUBLE DEALER R Johnson Houghton 8-4 (7 ex)	D Price 5	9
19	0-422	BOLD REALM A Jarvis 8-3	Pat Eddery	15
20	40-00	BELOW THE LINE (B) K Brassey 8-3	T Ives	7
21	0-021	TO ONEIOR R Armstong 8-0	W Carson	8
22	00-00	QAMAR C Benstead 7-10	D McKay	17
23	0-103	MEESON KING B McMahon 7-9	A Mackay	16
24	0-00	FULL OF SPEED H O'Neill 7-8	T Williams 5	19
25	000-0	BRIDGE STREET LADY J Bosley 7-7	R Street	10
27	00-30	FROGMOOR J Bosley 7-7	L Jones 7	12
28	000-0	L'AFFAIRE DISCREET D Dale 7-7	M Fozzard 7	2
29	1000-	SHAHREEN G Blum 7-7	R Fox	3

1983: Shining Out 9-4 A Clark (9-2 jt-fav) G Harwood 13 ran.

3 Longcross, 9-2 To Oneiro, 5 Bold Realm, 8 Below The Line, 10 Rare Gal, Running Bull, 12 Native Hero, Lovers Bid, 14 Double Dealer, 16 others.

7.50 CHARING CROSS STAKES (2-y-: £1,150: 5f) (11)

2	13	DANCER'S SHADOW (BF) J Tree 3-7	Pat Eddery	10
3	41	MASTER CROFTER (CD) W O'Gorman 9-4	T Ives	11
6	12	CORNWALL (BF) B Hills 9-4	S Cauthen	2
9	2124	SHOOT POOL (D) G Hunter 9-4	P Cook	3
13	0	FOUR FOR UNCLE F Durr 8-11	W Carson	9
14		HIALEAH LAD S Mellor 8-11	M Wigham	6
16	00	JOHNNIE NAP G Lewis 8-11	P Waldron	7
18	0	NAJI P Butler 8-11	J Reid	1
20		SWING TO STEEL J Bradley 8-11	J Williams	4
21	0	TAGORE S Matthews 8-11	–	8
22		WARRINGAH N Vigors 8-11	J Mercer	5

1983: Mingash 8-11 B Taylor (13-2) P Cole 11 ran.

6-4 Master Crofter, 2 Dancer's Shadow, 6 Shoot Pool, Cornwall, 16 Four For Uncle, 20 others.

8.20 WESTMINSTER HANDICAP (3-y-o: £2,348: 1m 3f 150yd) (14)

1	322	LIBRATE G Harwood 9-7	A Clark	7
3	0200-	MY CHARADE Mrs B Waring 9-3	John Williams	8
4	12-	NELSONS DOCKYARD P Cole 9-3	T Quinn 3	12
5	0-000	RUSE R Smyth 9-1	Pat Eddery	11
7	04-00	ZENJEBEEL (BF) J Hindley 8-9	M Hills	10
9	3-000	TAQDIR R Armstong 8-9	P Robinson	2
10	20004	DIAMONDS HIGH P Mitchell 8-7	T Ives	4
11	0600	ACERCATE (B) M Francis 8-6	Paul Eddery	3
12	2221-	OUR LADY M Jarvis 8-4	B Raymond	14
14	0-000	JUST BLAKE B Swift 8-1	R Fox	9
15	10-11	RUSSBOROUGH B Wise 7-11	T Williams 5	13
16	00-03	BLACKGUARD (BF) P Walwyn 7-10	N Howe	1
21	0-022	DOUBLE SWING Mrs S Davenport 7-7	A Mackayu	6
22	0-400	CORALLIAN C Wildman 7-7	R Hills	5

1983: Eversea 8-7 P Eddery (7-1) G Hunter 11 ran.

7-2 Zenjebeel, 9-2 Librate, 6 Taqdir, Ruse, Blackguard, 10 Russborough, Nelsons Dockyard, Our Lady, 14 others.

8.50 MAYFAIR STAKES Div II: £773: 1m 2f 22yd) (16)

4	00-1	HEARTFELT B Hills 9-1	S Cauthen	12
7	00	BULAWAYO PRINCE C Benstead 8-11	P Cook	4
10	00-	CORRIB MASTER J King 8-11	J Reid	10
15	4-00	FANDANGO LIGHT D Elsworth 8-11	B Rouse	3
17		FIRST FOLLY G Harwood 8-11	A Clark	15
18		FREEMASON P Walwyn 8-11	J Mercer	9
21	0-	JOHNATHON SILVER R Champion 8-11	I Johnson	1
31	00-00	NOTTA POPSI M Haynes 8-11	I Jenkinson	8
32		OBLIGED J Sutcliffe 8-11	M Hills	7
37	00-0	SHINER'S PAL Mrs B Waring 8-11	John Williams	2
38		SPAD A Jarvis 8-11	Paul Eddery	11
42	00	THE VILLAIN R Armstong 8-11	P Robinson	14
43	0-31	ZAYTOON J Ciechanowski 8-11	G Baxter	13
48	00	INRANGE A Davison 8-8	N Howe	16
58		TWO CHANCES J Bethell 8-8	J Matthias	6
60	00-0	WINDOW SHOPPER G Balding 8-8	P Waldron	5

1983: No corresponding division.

11-4 First Folly, Heartfelt, 9-2 Zaytoon, 6 The Villain, 10 Freemason, 12 Spad, 16 Obliged, 20 others.

EDINBURGH

GOING: good to firm.
Draw: high numbers best.

2.30 SELBORNE ENGINEERING APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£897: 5f) (14 runners)

1	0-014	PERGODA (CD) (B) I Vickers 6-10-0	D Leadbitter	2
3	0000	GODLOPHIN (D) T Craig 4-9-0	J Carrol	13
4	430-0	FAIRGREEN (D) D Chapman 6-9-0	S P Griffith	6
6	4430	BINCLEAVES M McCormack 6-8-10	M Berry	10
7	0021	KING CHARLEMANGE Mrs G Revely 5-8-9	M Hindley	11
9	0-000	H R MICRO (DC) M Lambert 6-8-3	A Cunningham 5	1
12	004-0	ILLICIT (D) G Fletcher 5-8-1	G Dickie	14
13	0-401	TRADESMAN (CD) J Haldane 4-8-1 (6 ex)	B Wardrop	5
15	00/0d	CARPENTER'S BOY Mrs G Reverley 6-7-12	S Donkin	4
17	0030	BLOCHAIRN SKOLAR (D) (B) N Bycroft 6-7-11	M Richardson	3
18	00-0	BRACKEN GILL Mrs A Bell 6-7-8	–	9
19	0000	STAY SECRET (D) (B) W Bentley 7-7-7	G King 5	12
20	0-000	RAPID LADY (D) Mrs M Nesbitt 4-7-7	M Tebbutt 4	7
21	0-200	DUTY WATCH (B) W C Watts 5-7-7	A Geran	8

1983: Pergoda 5-8-9 M Hindley (11-4 fav) J Vickers 8 ran.

7-2 Tradesman, 4 Pergoda, 5 Bincleaves, 11-2 King Charlemange, 13-2 Fairgreen, 10 Godolphin, H R Micro, 14 others.

Edinburgh selections

By Mandarin

2.30 King Chalemagne. 3.0 Lincyem. 3.30 Sir Blessed. 4.0 Herradura. 4.30 Royal Duty. 5.0 CORNCHARM (nap).

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3.0 Summer Salt. 3.30 Sir Blessed. 4.0 Herradura. 5.0 Kadesh.

3.0 CONSTITUTION STREET MAIDEN STAKES (2-y-o: £1,087: 5f) (6)

1	4	BANTELL BONDMAN C H Bell 9-0	N Carlisle	2
3	u0	DUBOVSKY R Allen 9-0	S Webster	4
5		INISHPOUR G Fletcher 9-0	A Bond	5
6	0	KING'S BADGE T Craig 9-0	C Dwyer	6
7	20	LINCYEM (BF) J Berry 9-0	A Geran 7	7
9		SUMMER SALT M Prescott 9-0	C Nutter	1
11	0	SEA OF GOLD M McCormack 8-11	R Cochrane	3

1983: Kuwait Sky 9-0 J Bleasdale (8-13 fav) G Huffer 6 ran.

11-8 Lincyem, 3 Sea Of Gold, 9-2 Summer Salt, 13-2 Bantol Bondman, 12 King's Badge, 14 Dubovsky.

3.30 SELBORNE GROUP HANDICAP (£1,662: 1m 3f) (9)

2	2/124	TAFFY JONES M McCormack 5-9-10	M Berry 7	3
4	000-4	SIR BLESSED R Williams 5-9-7	E Hide	9
5	400-0	BULLOM Denys Smith 4-9-0	M Fry	7
8	4424-	CAP D'AZURE S Norton 4-8-7	J Lowe	1
9	013-0	MALADHU J FitzGerald 5-8-5	W Ryan 5	4
10	0010	GAYGIG D Chapman 4-8-0	W Ryan 5	4
11	3000	ROSE CHARTER (C) W Bentley 7-7-10	N Carlisle	6
12	000-0	TARSUS G Fletcher 5-7-8	A Bond	5
14	000-0	SYDETZKY R Allan 4-7-7	S P Griffiths 7	8

1983: Concert Pitch 4-9-7 M Birch (5-1) Miss S Hall 10 ran.

5-2 Maladhu, 100-30 Taffy Jones, 4 Cap D'Azure, 6 Sir Blessed, 8 Bullom, 10 Gaygig, 14 others.

4.0 SELBORNE GARDENS STAKES (£815: 1m 4f) (4)

1	4041	JACK RAMSEY (D) M McCormack 4-10-1	R Cochrane	4
4	03-01	HERRADURA M Prescott 3-8-8	C Nutter	2
10		CRACK A BOTTLE T Craig 3-8-0	–	1
11	00	ETERNAL DANCER F Huffer 3-8-0	–	3

1983: Rhythmic Pastimes 3-8-4 R Sidebottom (11-4) R Williams 9 ran.

4-5 Herradura, 7-4 Jack Ramsey, 8 Eternal Dancer, 14 Crack A Bottle.

4.30 BALBY ROAD SELLING HANDICAP (£657: 1m) (11)

1	0-000	ROYAL DUTY G Calvert 6-9-10	P Burke 7	1
3	3000-	SUNDHOPE LYNN (C) (B) C H Bell 5-8-13	N Carlisle	4
7	000/0	BORDER SPOIL W C Watts 6-8-9	M Wood	2
9	0000-	PRINCE OF LIGHT (CD) Denys Smith 12-8-5	M Fry	8
11	0-004	LA DI DA (B) W Storey 4-8-4	O Gray	10
12	000-	SECRET MINSTREL J Parkes 7-8-4	S Webster	9
13	000-0	LADY HICKLETON G Fletcher 3-8-4	A Bond	3
14	0340	WALDRON HILL R Allen 4-8-4	J Lowe	5
17	00-00	HAVEN'S PRIDE (B) M B James 6-8-4	D Nicholls	11
18	040-0	OCHIL HILLS STAR (CD) Mrs A Bell 11-8-3	N Connorton	6
20	4030	C A LIGHTING M McCormack 3-8-3	R Cochrane	7

1983: Wolfie 4-9-2 K Darley (11-2) R Woodhouse 8 ran.

3 Royal Duty, 7-2 C A Lighting, 9-2 Prince Of Light, 11-2 Sundhope Lynn, 13-2 La Di Da, Waldron Hill, 12 others.

5.0 SELBORNE ENGINEERING MAIDEN STAKES (2-y-o: £1,09: 7f) (10)

1	40-40	ABA NABEEN S Norton 9-0	J Lowe	1
4	0	CHEEKY CHAP C H Bell 9-0	N Carlisle	9
5	00-09	CORNCHARM (B) M McCormack 9-0	R Cochrane	4
8	02-00	FITY QUID SHORT (B) Mrs M Nesbitt 9-0	C Dwyer	10
10	3	KADESH W Hastings-Bass 9-0	R Lines 5	6
11	0000-	MANIX Mrs A Bell 9-0	NON-RUNNER	
12	200-0	NICE ONE ANDY (B) G Huffer 9-0	M Rimmer	3
16	0003	TIDDLYEYETYE I Vickers 9-0	D Nicholls	5
22	00-0	HARVEST PRINCESS R Williams 8-11	E Hide	7
24	0-000	MISS GUENEVERE (B) T Craig 8-11	–	2

1983: (1m): Lady Donaro 8-11 K Darley (10-1) J Berry 10 ran.

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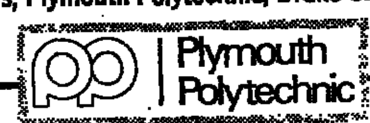
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POST OF DIRECTOR

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Further particulars may be obtained from the Academic Personnel Office, University of Glasgow, Glasgow, G12 8QQ, where applications (3 copies; 1 copy in the case of overseas applicants), giving the names and addresses of not more than three referees, should be lodged on or before 30th June, 1984.

In reply please quote Ref. No. 256E.



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Southampton THE UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF BIOCHEMISTRY
Wellcome Trust Temporary Lectureship

Applications are invited for the post of Temporary Lectureship in the Department of Biochemistry, funded by the Wellcome Trust, tenable from 1st October 1984 for 3 years in the first instance, with the possibility of renewal for a further 2 years. Applicants should have an interest in membrane biochemistry. Preference may be given to applicants with interests in tissue culture and/or monoclonal antibody techniques and whose research interests complement those currently active in the Department. The successful applicant, who will be under 35 and not hold a tenured post, will be intergrated into the undergraduate teaching programme of the Department which is to both science and medical students.

Applications (7 copies from applicants within the U.K. and one from others) in the form of a curriculum vitae and the names and addresses of three referees and a 500 word summary of the applicant's proposed research project should be sent before 16th June 1984 to Mr A. J. Small, Staffing Secretary, The University, Highfield, Southampton, SO9 5NH.

Please quote reference No: AJS/84/21/T.

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SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCES

LECTURESHIP IN ENGINEERING DYNAMICS

Applications are invited for the above post in the Mechanical and Civil Engineering Subject Group, tenable from October 1st. 1984. Candidates should have a good honours degree, and preferably a higher degree, in a relevant discipline, and appropriate industrial and/or research experience. The successful applicant will be expected to make an active contribution to the existing strong research activities: these include work on the modelling, identification and vibration control of rotor-bearing systems and marine structures.

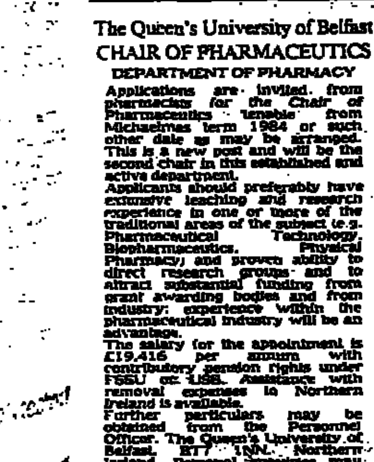
Salary in the range £7,190 to £14,125 pa.

Further particulars and application forms are available from Mrs L. Vivian, Personnel Office, Sussex House, The University of Sussex, Falmer, Brighton, BN1 9RH, England. Telephone Brighton (0273) 606755, Ext 434. Closing date for applications June 29th. 1984.

The University of Auckland
NEW ZEALAND

A CHAIR IN MAORI
(Department of Anthropology)

Applications are invited for the Chair in Maori. This position has become available following the retirement of Professor B G Biggs. Applicants should be experienced University teachers actively engaged in research and with a strong publishing record. Commencing salary will be within the range for Professors, at present NZ$41,937 - $52,482 per annum. Conditions of Appointment and Method of Application are available from the Assistant Registrar (Academic Appointments), University of Auckland, Private Bag, Auckland, New Zealand, or from the Secretary General, Association of Commonwealth Universities (Appts), 36 Gordon Square, London WC1H 0PF. Applications, in accordance with 'Method of Application' should be forwarded as soon as possible but not later than 22 June 1984.



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DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACY

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HORIZONS

The Times guide to career development

Where qualifications count

Beryl Dixon looks at the professions who want to work abroad

Under UK law specific qualifications are required to practice certain professions. Similar legal requirements are in force in other countries, and therefore anyone trained in Britain and wishing to work abroad *may have to contend with non* recognition of qualifications in addition to the potential problems of language and culture shock.

In theory the problems should not arise in the EEC countries since the Treaty of Rome commits member countries to work towards mutual recognition of qualifications. In practice this is not the case. Now, doctors, nurses, dentists, midwives and vets are the only professionals whose qualifications have reciprocity through the Community. Other *professions* are working on the question but in most cases are finding the going slow. This is due less to European bureaucracy than to the professions themselves.

Understandably, professional associations in each country wish to protect their own standards. Before the nursing directive was agreed common minimum training standards had to be agreed by all EEC countries.

Britain revised its syllabus to incorporate more obstetrics and psychiatry, with the result that nurses registered after 1979 have no problem. Those who qualified before then must be able to prove that they have been employed in mursing for three of the five years immediately preceding application to another member state.

Slowing progress

The Chartered Society of Physiotherapy expects directives to be accepted in the near future, but with most professions at least one country (occasionally Britain) is impeding *prgress. The Association of Certified* Accountants, for example, reports that the "draft directives is in one of its frequent positions of stalemate because of a problem with the 'registered accountants' in Denmark", but that "legislation will hopefully be introduced later this year." The Pharmaceutical Society is uncertain as to whether the current draft directive will ever be implemented, and the Association of Dispensing Opticians, after 15 years of negotiations, sees little likelihood of an agreement being reached. Architecture and engineering are also the subjects of current draft directives.

Some professional bodies have *reached reciprocal agreements* with non EEC countries: the Pharmacuetical Society with Australia and New Zealand, the college of Radiographers with the USA, South Africa, the Netherlands, Switzerland and Canada; and the Association of Certified Accountants with fourteen Commonwealth countries.

The non existence of reciprocal agreements is not, however, a complete bar to employment overseas. Many countries recognise the qualifications of individual professions, and anyone hoping to work abroad simply has to make enquiries.

Generally, present of former members of the Commonwealth are the most likely to accept British qualifications, although Canada insists that members of some professions take a Canadian examination.

The US is often the most stringent, and holders of British qualifications must normally take the examinations *of the licensing board of the state* in which they wish to practise.

Medical personnel have the easiest time; British training is usually highly regarded. Orthoptists benefit from a reciprocal agreement with Australia dating from 1947, are automatically accepted in most countries and can obtain licences in most EEC countries, France being the notable exception.

Dispensing opticians are granted licences on request in twenty US states and in all Canadian provinces except Quebec. The British association lists more than 20 countries in which members are working, including three in the EEC despite the lack of official directives.

Ophthalmic opticians do not appear to leave Britain in huge numbers, but when they do, head for Australia, South Africa and New Zealand where they are usually accepted provided that they hold a degree, (these have only been obtainable in the UK since the mid 1960s).

New examinations

Radiographers can work in many countries in addition to those detailed above with which there are specific agreements, and also occupational therapists, despite the fact that EEC mutual recognition is "proving slow" *are able to work in any of thirty-six* different countries. Eight of these, this time including France, are in the EEC Physiotherapists – again as yet without an EEC directive – *can* work in some member states and find no difficulty in Commonwealth, Third World and Middle Eastern countries.

They are often granted visas for *Canada and the US but may have to* take further examinations in certain American states.

Outside the EEC doctors and nurses must apply to have their qualifications recognised. Commonwealth countries are again the most likely to do so. Nurses may have to sit the entire state finals in parts of the *US but find that* Australia usually grants immediate recognition. No training exists in Saudi Arabia – a popular choice with British nurses – and therefore approval is automatic.

Pharmacists may only have reciprocity with two countries, but are automatically accepted in most of the Commonwealth. Canada, a frequent destination, sets a written examination which is recognised by most provinces.

The situation regarding solicitors and barristers facing different legal systems is understandably complicated. In some countries they may advise on their own and certain areas of local law; in others they may not use the title "lawyer" but may be employed as "experts". In yet others only locally trained and legally admitted solicitors may advise on *any* aspect of law.

In such countries they must apply for permission to practise and the decision rests with the local Bar or Law Society. The EEC legal professions are at present negotiating on aspects of mutual recognition. (Currently, lawyers may plead "jointly with a lawyer from the host country".)

Solicitors admitted in England and Wales are allowed to practice in Hongkong, New Zealand and the West Indies.

Other Commonwealth countries usually grant admission after additional requirement have been met – for example the passing of an examination in local law or the serving of a short period of articles or pupillage, Certain Australian states dispense with formal requirements but expect applicants "to have spent a period familiarising themselves with state practice."

In many countries the performance of statutory audit is subject to legislative requirements, as indeed it is in the UK where, under the *Companies Act it may be carried out* only by chartered and certified accountants.

Mutual recognition is not automatic even in the EEC. Outside the EEC extra restrictions are often imposed, such as the insistence on a university degree – which is not a UK requirement for admission to the accountancy profession.

Few problems

However, the Institute of Chartered Accountants says that more than 16 per cent of its members practice overseas, while the Association of *Certified Accountants states that its* members find little problem in moving to many countries. Cost and management accountants, often employed by international companies, and whose work does not include audit, are working in a large variety of countries.

I received a great deal of help when writing this artice from various professional associations. Most keep lists of countries accepting their qualifications or offer advice on how *to achieve recognition. It is well worth* consulting them before approaching individual embassies. Not only can it save time but as they are often members of international associations they can advise on employment conditions and professional practice overseas.

University of Glasgow

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Salary on Lecturer Scale £7,190-£14,125 (under review) plus £1,186 London Weighting Allowance.

Further information can be obtained by telephone from Professor Alan Boyde or Dr Sheila J. Jones. Tel: (01) 387 7050 Ext 638. Applications to be addressed to, Professor A. Boyde, Department of Anatomy & Embryology, University College London, Gower Street, London WC1E 6BT.

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Department of Physics
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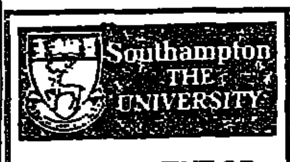
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Informal enquiries may be made to Professor J Dutton, Department of Physics, but further particulars and application forms (2 copies) must be obtained from the Personnel Office, University College of Swansea, Singleton Park, Swansea, SA2 8PP, to which office they should be returned by June 13, 1984.



DEPARTMENT OF POLITICS

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Closing date, 15th June, 1984

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The University of Buckingham

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DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTATIONAL SCIENCE

University of Nottingham
DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL ECONOMICS, ACCOUNTANCY AND INSURANCE
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LECTURESHIP IN LAW

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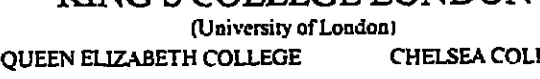
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The University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology

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Sociology

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Application forms and further particulars are available from Mr S. P. Harrow, Assistant Registrar, King's College London, Strand, London, WC2 2LS (Tel. 01-836 5454 ext 2689). Applications should be submitted in duplicate, with the names of two referees, as soon as possible and not later than 8 June 1984.

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BIRTHS

BOARDMAN. – On May 14th, to Susie and Barry – a daughter (Georgina), a sister for Thomas and Charles.

BROOKES on May 11th at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Sali & Paul, a daughter, Charlotte Lydia.

BURBIDGE – KING. On May 16th in Bath to Mandy (née Vaughan) and John, a son, Charles Francis.

BURFOOT on May 18th at St George's Hospital to Lisa & Peter a daughter, Emily, Alice.

CHUTE on 17th May to Julia and Robin, a daughter, a sister for Charles.

DODDS – on May 16th at Queen ...

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TEMPLE, on May 18, Frances, widow of Archbishop William Temple. Funeral Service at the Chapel of St Cross, Winchester, on Thursday May 24th at 2 pm. Cremation private. Family flowers only to John Steel & Son Ltd, Chesil House, Winchester. Service in Canterbury Cathedral to be announced.

WASSERMAN, Marie-therese (née Mathis) left her relatives & many devoted friends on May 18 after a short illness. Please no flowers but donations to the Cancer Unit of the Royal Marsden Hospital, Fulham Rd, SW3. Cremation Golders Green Crematorium, West Chapel, 3.30 pm Tuesday May 22.

WATTS, at Binfield, Berkshire on 18th May, 1984, the Reverend H T Watts, sometime vicar of Bredwardine with Brobury and Sutton St Nicholas with St Sutton St Michael, diocese of Hereford.

WEYERS on May 17th peacefully aged 79, Maria beloved wife of Jozef and mother of Jacek, Marek, Magda and Krystyna. Requiem at St. John's Church, St. John's Avenue, Putney on Friday 25th May at 11.30 am. Flowers to Church.

WHITTINGTON. On May 16th 1984 at Edenbridge War Memorial Hospital, May Rosina of Farnham and Guildford whilst staying with her daughter. Widow of Harold Norman Whittington FRICS. Cremation at Aldershot on Friday 26th May at 12 noon. Flowers to H C Patrick and to 86 East Street, Farnham, Surrey. 0252 714884.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

ANDREAE. A sung REQUIEM MASS will be held for Clodagh Andreae at St Mary's Church, Cadogan Street, London SW3, on Tuesday 29th May at 3pm.

IN MEMORIAM

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1.00 Gardener's World. Roy Lancaster and Clay Jones in Maldwyn Thomas's garden, Dolgellau (r). **9.25 Praise Be!** presented by Thora Hird (shown yesterday). **10.00 Ceefax. 10.30 Play School,** presented by Liz Watts (r). **10.55 Ceefax.**

.00 News After Noon with Richard Whitmore and Frances Coverdale. The weather prospects come from Bill Giles. **1.27 Regional News** (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles). **1.30 Hokey Cokey.** For the very young (r). **1.45 Isles Apart.** The first of four programmes about the wildlife of the Channel Islands.

2.15 Film: The Las Vegas Story* (1952) starring Jane Russell, Victor Mature and Hogey Carmichael. Mystery thriller with Miss Russell playing an ex-nightclub singer who becomes mixed up in kidnapping and murder. *Directed by Robert Stevenson.* **3.40 Cartoon Double Bill.** Two Warner Brothers shorts. **3.53** Regional News (not London).

3.55 Play School, presented by Floella Benjamin. **4.20 All New Popeye Show.** Three cartoons featuring the spinach swilling sailor. **4.40 Lassie.** Animated adventures of the canny canine. **5.00 John Craven's Newsround. 5.05 Blue Peter.** With Janet Ellis as she free-falls 12,000 feet as part of her training, with the RAF's Falcons, to regain the UK civilian free-fall record.

5.40 Sixty Minutes begins with news from Moira Stuart followed by weather at 5.54; and ends with news headlines at 6.38.

6.40 Rolf Harris Cartoon Time. Comedy variations of four fairy stories (r).

7.10 Lynda Carter Street Life. Musical spectacular starring the original Wonder Woman with guests Tony Orlando and George Benson.

8.00 Points of View. *Barry Ttok* takes a dip into the BBC's postbag.

.00 Panorama: The Stolen Children. Fred Emery reports on the battle by Argentinian grandparents to regain their grandchildren who were illegally givenaway by the authorities after their parents were murdered in the 1970s by the country's military regime.

9.00 News with Sue Lawley.

9.25 Film: Cops and Robbers (1973) starringCliff-Gorman and Joe Bologna. Two policemen tire of their upright existence and turn to crime. Directed by Aram Avakien.

0.50 *Film 84* with Barry Norman includes a location report about the film, Splash, a comedy about a mermaid in Manhattan.

11.23 News headlines.

11.25 Inside YTS. The first of five programmes on the Youth Training Scheme (r).

11.50 Weather.

TV-am

6.25 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and John Stapleton. News from Jayne Irving at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.35 and 7.33; exercises at 6.50 and 9.15; financial advice at 6.45 and 8.45; the day's anniversaries at 7.05 and 8.13; Popeye cartoon at 7.23; guest of the day at 7.40 and 8.15; pop video at 7.55 astrology at 8.20; TV-am doctor at 9.03.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 London News headlines. 9.30 For Schools: The journeys of the early French-Canadian settlers. **9.47** Learning to read with Basil Brush. **9.59** A visit to a farm museum. **10.11** Basic maths: numbers. **10.31** Nuclear issues. **11.00** Documentary: The Bargain Men. *11.22 Living and working* in Portugal. **11.41** A day in the life of a typical Viking family in Britain.

12.00 Gammon and Spinach. Valerie Pitt with the story Whistle Up the Chimney **12.10 Let's Pretend** to the tale ofThe Empty Egg Cup **12.30 Homework.** Pamela Donald and Paul Young with advice on Roof Maintenance and Loft Insulation.

1.00 News with Leonard Parkin. **1.20** Thames news from Tricis Ingrams. **1.30 Talking Personally.** Eamonn Andrews talks to Sir John Junor, editor of the Sunday Express.

2.00 Film: The Limbo Line (1968). Starring Craig Stevens. Espionage caper about an intelligence man and his attmpts to destroy the Limbo Line, a secret trail used by Russians to bring back defectors. Directred by Samuel Gallu.

3.50 Cartoon: Bugs Bunny. **4.00 Gammon and Spinach.** A repeat of the programme shown at noon. **4.15 Cartoon** Time. Foghorn Leghorn in The Egg-Cited Rooster (r). **4.20 The Incredible Hulk. 4.45 Dramarama: Fowl Pest,** by James Andrew Hall. Mummy receives four unusual presents *on her birthday. 5.15 Gambit.* Tom O'Connor with another edition of t he fast moving quiz game for married couples.

5.45 News. 6.00 Thames news with Andrew Gardner and Tina *Jenkins.*

6.25 Help! Community action news from Viv Taylor Gee.

6.35 Crossroads. Ken Sands goes to daughter Carole for advice on how to court kath *Brownlow.*

7.00 What's My Line? Odd occupations to be discovered by Jim Davidson, Jilly Cooper, Jeffrey Archer, Barbara Kelly and George Gale.

7.30 Coronation Street. *Elsie* Tanner's daughter moves into No 11

8.00 Brass. Part one of a new series of comedies about the wealthy Hardacres and the *put-upon Fairchilds. Starring* Timothy West (see Choice).

8.30 World in Action: Robbing the Rich. The story of how two London businessmenb, underwriter Peter Cameron *Webb and accountant Peter* Dixon, milked £40 million from 1800 1,800 investors in their insurance company, over a period of 14 years.

9.00 The Sweeney: Supersnout. Another case for the flying squad hard men,

10.00 News followed by Thames news headlines.

10.30 Des O'Connor Now! Live chat with a theatrical bias.

11.30 The Timeless Land. *Drama* about early settlers in Australia.

12.25 Night Thoughts from the Rev Bill Todd, rector of Bishop's Hatfield, Hertfordshire.

Timothy West and Caroline Blakiston (ITV, 8.00 pm

● **BRASS,** Granada Television's comedy series about awful Lancashire rich folk who don't deserve to be wealthy and nice Lancashire poor who do, has thus far evaded me. I believe everybody else in the country has seen it. Every second person I speak to insists that is one of the funniest things ever seen on television. Tonight sees the first episode of a new 13-week run, (ITV, 8.00pm) and I am glad that I have caught up with it at last. It is broader than I had imagined it to be, with naked daughters making a rents protest on horseback, a doctor making a defiant stand in tartan underpants, exploding cement at a stone-laying ceremony, cliff-hanging suspense on top of the local mill chimney stack, and much joyful smashing of *wine glasses. I feel I have not* yet got the real measure of *Brass.*

CHOICE

● **FUGITIVES IN AFRICA** (BBC 2, 9.30pm), a *Third Eye* film about refugees from Uganda and Ethiopia who have crossed over into Sudan, positively identifies the villains of the place as the superpowers that provide the necessities of life with one hand and the weapons of death with the other. Having fixed the blame, more in sorrow than in anger, Desmond Lapsley's tragic film feelingly examines not only the predicament of the refugees but of the country that has to act as host without the means to sustain the role.

● *Valerie Georgeson's Monday* Play **THE LABYRINTH** (Radio 4, 8.15pm) provided the sound effects wizards at BBC Manchester with the kind of opportunites to show off what must have turned their colleagues in other regions green with envy when they learnt what was afoot in Lancashire. And it is doubtful if Frances Jeater, one of radio drama's instantly identifiable voices, will ever get a neatier role than that of the depressed young woman who associates herself too closely with Ariadne of the Maze. This is a play with a leaning towards monologue, a strong literary bias, and a tendency towards pessimism. Ultimately, a wintry sun breaks through, and it is a relief to see the back of the Minotaur whose bellowing, in stereo, gave me an attack of the goose-pimples.

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BBC 2

6.30 Open University: Heat from Sea Beds. **6.55** Maths: Curve Sketching. **7.20** How Minerals are Made. **7.45** The Oil Game. Ends at 8.10.

9.00 Ceefax.

9.15 Daytime on Two: Pregnant women contemplate their new arrival. **9.38** Life and social skills. **10.00** Exercises with Somia Lannaman. **10.15** A synthesiser and a musical space game. *10.38* The Cuban missile crisis that tested Mr Kennedy and Mr Krushchev. **11.00** The body of an Olympic athlete. **11.23** Part three of the aerial Capricon Game. **11.42** Statistics: Distribution. **12.04** Mindstretchers. **12.09 Ceefax. 2.01** The story of the Hungry Fox and the Foxy Duck. **2.18** The banana planters of St Lucia. **2.40** Office workers. **3.00 Ceefax.**

5.10 William Tyndale. An Open University programmes that examines the controvery surrounding the events at the William Tyndale School in Islington, north London (r).

5.35 News summary with subtitles.

5.40 Make 'Em Laugh. Mark Curry examines the career of the 1920s silent screen comedian, Harry Langdon (r).

6.00 Film: Show Business* (1944) starring Eddie Cantor and Joan Davis. A musical comedy, based on the life of Eddie Cantor, the small-time variety performer who became *a star of the Ziegfeld Follies.* Directed by Edwin L Marin.

7.30 English Journey. The last leg of Beryl Bainbridge's journey in the footsteps of J B Priestley. Miss Bainbridge *visits Lincoln. Norwich and* Milton Keynes which, presumably, would have been outer Bletchley had Mr Priestley paid it a visit.

8.10 The Two Ronnies. Messrs Barker and Corbett with another selection of sketches and anecdotes. Their special guest is Elton John (r).

9.00 Call My Bluff. Arthur Marshall, Wyn Knowles and Ian Ogily challenge Frank Muir, Debbie Rix and Christopher Hughes.

9.30 Third Eye: Fugitives in Africa. Melkamu Adisu examines the problems of Sudan, one of the world's poorest nations but one that plays host to millions of refugees, mostly from Uganda and Ethiopia (see Choice).

10.20 Maestro. A profile of former champion jump jockey-turned-successful trainer, Fred Winter.

10.50 Newsnight.

11.35 Birdwatch in the Camargue. Tony Soper and Roger Lovegrove at the flamingo breeding grounds (r).

12.00 Open University: 'Middlemarch' by George Eliot **12.25** Reaching the Community. Ends at 12.55.

CHANNEL 4

5.00 Countdown. The current champion of the nagrams and mental arithmetic competition, London underground guard. Mike Willis, ischallenged by retired customs officer, Ralph *Strocchi. The questionmaster* is Richard Whiteley,

5.30 Jeopardy. Another edition of the back-to-front quiz game in which the answermaster, Derek Hobson, demands the *questions from the* contestants.

6.00 Coping. The final programme of the series illustrating how people have coped with various crises in their life *spotlights Jim – Living* a Nightmare and coming to Terms. Jim's life changed dramatically after he was paralysed from the waist down in a car crash on Christmas Eve in 1981. He spent six months in a special spinal unit before having to face the realities of the outside world. How he came to terms with his disablement is a moving story that involves his wife, his two *sons and his friends.*

7.00 Channel Four News

7.50 Comment. On the soap box tonight is Stephane Manier, the London correspondent of the French Television station *Channel One.*

8.00 Scully. Part two of Alan Bleasdale's seven-part story of a Liverpool youngster in his final year at school who day dreams of becoming a *Liverpool footballer. Starring* Andrew Schofield as Scully and Ray Kingsley as his mate, Mooey.

8.30 Man About the House. Comedy series about two *women and a man who share* digs. Tonight, Chrissy and Jo have offered Robin the spare bedroom on condition that he does all the chores associated with being a husband – bar sharing the same bedroom. They are just about settling into the new arrangement when Chrissy's mother arrives, wanting to spand the night in what she thought was the spare room.

9.00 Africa. The fourth programme of the eight-part series presented by Basil Davidson, exploring the long and rich history of the 'dark' continent.

10.00 Film: Through an Unknown Land (1983) starring Clive Merrison. A political parable directed by Phil Mulloy that reads as if it is a heavy version of the comedy series Brass, with the working class Todd family led by the reactionary father, played by Iain Anders, contrasting with the suave, cynical and successful Lord Arlington (Clive Merrison).

11.10 The 1984 Celtic Film Festival. Clips from ten of the award-winning films.

12.05 Ian Breakwell's Continuous Diary.

12.10 Closedown.

Radio 4

6.00 News Briefing; Weather.
6.10 Farming Week from Northern Ireland. **6.25** Shipping Forecast.
6.30 Today, including **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News Summary. **6.45** Prayer for the Day. **6.55, 7.55** Weather. **7.00, 8.00** Today's News. **7.25, 8.25** *Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day.*
8.35 The Week on 4, A look ahead.
8.43 Angus McDermid in the BBC sound Archives. **8.57** Weather; Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Start the Week with Richard Baker †
10.00 News; Money Box.
10.30 Morning Story: "Belter and the Vulture" by Andy Smith. The reader is Charlie Chester.
10.45 Daily Service.
11.00 News; Travel; Down Your Way. From Betws-y-Coed in Gwynedd (r).
11.48 Poetry Please! With Charles Tomlinson, David Werner and Rosalind Shanks.
12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer service.
12.27 It Makes Me Laugh. With John Dunn as host, and cartoonist Barry Fantoni. **12.55** Weather; Programme news.
1.00 The World at One: News.
1.40 The Archers. **1.55** Shipping Forecast.
2.00 News; Woman's Hour. Today's edition includes advice from Lorna Bourke on how to put your money to the best possible use. And there is the ninth instalment of The Fatal Show.
3.00 Afternoon Theatre: Marie and Marguerite, by Derek Kartun. The story of Alexandre Dumas's love affair with the original Lady of the Camelias, Mane Duplessis. The real-life lovers are played by Simon Shepherd and Emily Richard. The fictitious characters are played by Brett Usher and Frances Jeater (r).
4.30 *Acoustics* Through the Ear Trumpet: Intelligent Jamming. With David Jones.
4.40 Story Time: "Hunt the Slipper" by Violet Trfusis (8). The reader is June Tobin.
5.00 PM: News magazine. **5.50** Shipping Forecast. *5.55* Weather; Programme news.
6.00 The Six O'Clock News; Financial Report.
6.30 I'm Sorry, I Haven't a Clue with Tim Brooke Taylor, Willie Rushton, Graeme Garden, Barry Cryer †
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Science Now. A weekly review of discovenes and developments.
7.50 Waterlines. *Cliff Michelmore in a* senes about events andsporting activities taking place in, on or under the water. Tonight: a visit to Chatsworth Angling Fair.
8.15 The Monday Play "The Labyrinth" by Valerie Georgeson. A foray into the world of radiophonic sound effects by the *BBC's* Manchester drama department. Frances Jeater plays the woman battling to extract herself from the labyrinth of what her life has become †
9.45 Kaleidoscope: Tonight's topics include the Beckmann Exhibition in Berlin; Beckmann's Carnival at the Tate Gallery in London; Sir Geraint Evans's autobiography A Knight at the Opera (Sir Geraint is interviewed); and the Berlin Theatre Festival.
10.15 *A Book at Bedtime: "Falls the* Shadow" by Emanuel Litvinoff. First of 15 episodes, read by Nigel Graham.
10.30 The World Tonight, including **11.00** News headlines.
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
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Radio 3

6.55 Weather. **7.00** News.
7.05 *Morning Concert: part one.* Hebden's Concerto No 5 in C minor for strings; Wagner's Siegfried Idyll; Berkeley's Palm Court Waltz Op 81 No 2 (Ian Brown and Kathryn Stott, pianos); Mozart's Serenade in G, K 525 (Eine kleine Nachtmusik).†8.00 News.
8.05 Concert: part two. Brahm's Souvenir de la Russie, Op 151 (Alfons and Aloys Kontarsky, pianos); Sammartina's Concerto Grosso in G minor, Op 5 No 6; and Britten's Sinfonia da Requiem.†9.00 News.
9.05 This Week's Composer: Luigi Dallapiccola. Tartiniana seconda (Materassi/Dallapiccola); Piccola musica notturna, for chamber ensemble; and Canti di prigionia.†
10.00 *Julie Adam: Piano recital.* Beethoven's Sonata in E Flat Op 31 No 3; Liszt's Au bord d'une source; and Bartok's 15 Hungarian Peasant Songs. †
10.40 Boult Conducts: Grainger's Children's March; and Over the Hills and Far Away; Vaughan Williams's Symphonic Impression: In the Fen Country; and Parry's Symphony No 5.†
11.25 Italian Solo Songs from the Early Baroque: recital by Max Van Egmond (baritone) and Jacques Googaart (lute). Works by *Caccini, Frescobaldi, Monteverdi,* and Saraceni.†
11.55 BBC Philharmonic Orchestra: with Eric Gruenberg (violin). Haydn's Symphony No 96; Prokofiev's Violin Concerto No 1; and Berlioz's overture King Lear.†1.00 News.
1.05 BBC Lunchtime Concert: The Kreuzberger String Quartet play Webern's Quartet Op 28; and Schubert's Death and the Maiden (Quartet in D minor).†
2.05 Music Weekly: A special edition devoted to the first half-century of Glyndebourne.
2.55 New Records: Dunstable's Salve Regina; Couperin's Suite in D minor; Schubert's (Fischer-Dieskau); Wagner's Pilgrims' Chorus (arr Liszt); Elgar's Violin Sonata in E minor *(Kennedy/Pettinger); Respighi's* suite The Birds.†4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure.
6.30 Music for Organ: Roy Massey, in Wells Cathedral.
7.00 Miniatures for Piano: John Clegg plays Elgar's In Smyrna, Presto, Griffinesque, and Skizze; Nielsen's Humorespue-Bagatelles Op 11; and Bridge's Three Sketches: April, Rosemary and Valse Capriceuse.†
7.30 Bach Choir: Concert fro the Royal Festival Hall, attended by the *Prince and Princess of Wales.*
8.20 Scenes from the life of . . . . John Ruskin: The reader is Robin Ellis. Compiled by Donald Bancroft (r).
8.40 Bach Choir: part two.
9.35 Tippett: The Lindsay String *Quartet play the Quatet No 2 in F* sharp.†
10.00 Light in Distant Rooms: Indian poetry, presented by Prabhu Guptara. Read in the original language, and in English.
10.30 Jazz Today: with the Mike Gibbs Band. *Introduced by Charles* Fox.†
11.15 News. Until 11.18.
VHF ONLY – open university: 6.35-6.55 am What the Tortoise Said to Achilles. 11.20 pm–12.00 *am Images of the Divine.* **11.40** The Oil Game: Round 2.

Radio 2

News on the hour. Major bulletins: **7.00**am, **8.00, 1.00** pm, **5.00** and **12.00** midnight. News Headlines: **5.30** am, **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** (mf/mw). **4.00**am Colin Berry.† **5.30** Ray Moore † Incl. **6.15** Pause for Thought. **7.30** Terry Wogan † incl. **8.31** Racing Bulletin **8.45** Pause for Though **9.30** Benson and Hedges Cricket Cup quarter-final draw. **10.00** Jimmy Young.† **12.00** Steve Jones † incl. **1.02; 2.02** Sports. **2.05** Gloria Hunniford at the International Film Festival at Cannes in the first of two broadcasts direct from the South of France. Incl. **3.02** Sports Desk. **3.30** Music All The Way † incl. **4.02** Sports *Desk. 4.05 David Hamilton † incl.* **5.05; 6.02** Sports. **6.05** John Dunn † incl. **6.45** Sport and Classified Results (mf only) **7.30** Cricket Scores. **8.00** Alan Dell with Dance Band Days and Big Band Era.† **9.00** Humphrey Lyttelton with The Best of Jazz.† **9.55** Sports. **10.00** Cast. In *Order Of Disappearance.* Six-part thriller series starring Francis Matthews and Fiona Hendley 1: Baron Hardup. **10.30** Star Sound with Nick Jackson and soundtrack requests. **11.00** Brian Matthew presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight). **1.00**pm Patrick Lunt presents Nightride.† **3.00-4.00** Folk on 2 with *Jim Lloyd*

Radio 1

News on the half-hour from **6.30** am until **9.30** pm and at **12.00** midnight (mf/mw). **6.00**am Adrian John. **7.00** Mike Read. **9.00** Simon Bats. **11.30** Gary Davies, including **12.30** Newsbeat. **2.00** Steve Wright. **4.30** Peter Powell, including **5.30** Newsbeat. **7.00** David Jensen. **10.00-12.00** John Peel† **VHF RADIOS 1 and 2 4.00am** With *Radio 2.* **10.00pm** With Radio 1. **12.00-4.00am** With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00am Newsdesk. **6.30** Baker's Half Dozen. **7.00** World News. **7.09** Twenty-Four Hours. **7.30** Sarah and Company. **8.00** World News. **8.09** Reflections. **8.15** Villette. **8.30** Anything Goes. **9.00** World News. **9.09** Review of the *British Press. 9.15 Waveguide.* **9.25** Good Books **9.40** Look Ahead. **9.45** Music Now. **10.15** The Future of Work. **11.00** World News. **11.09** News About Britain. **11.15** An Ice Cream War **11.30** Omnibus. **12.00** Radio Newsreel. **12.15** Brain of Britain 1984. **12.45** Sports Round-up. **1.00** World News. **1.09** Twenty-Four Hours. **1.30** A Digance Indulgence. **1.45** Too *Many People.* **2.30** *Pageant of the Past.* **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** Outlook. **4.00** World News. **4.09** Commentary. **4.15** The Fosdyke Saga. **4.30** The Future of Work. **8.00** World News. **8.09** Twenty-Four Hours. **8.30** Sports International. **9.00** Network UK. **9.15** An Ice-Cream War. **9.30** Counterpoint. **10.00** World News. **10.09** The World Today **10.25** Book *Choice. 10.30 Financial News.* **10.40** Reflections. **10.45** Sports Roundup. **11.00** World News. **11.09** Commentary. **11.15** The Fosdyke Saga. **11.30** Brain of Britain 1984. **12.00** World News. **12.09** News About Britain. **12.15** Radio Newsreel. **12.30** Too Many People. **1.15** Outlook. **1.45** Such Sweet Harmony. **2.00** World News. **2.09** Review of the *British Press.* **2.15** *Network* UK. **2.30** Sports International. **3.00** World News. **3.09** News About Britain. **3.15** The World Today. **3.30** John Peel **4.45** Financial News. **4.55** Reflections. **5.00** World News. **5.09** Twenty-Four Hours. **5.45** The World Today. **(All times in GMT)**

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN.
† Stereo. ★Black and white. (r) Repeat.

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m; 1089kHz/275m; **Radio 2:** 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; **Radio 3:** 1215kHz/247m; VHF -90-92.5; **Radio 4:** 200kHz 1500m: VHF -92-95; **LBC** 1152kHz/261m; VHF 97.3; **Capital:** 1548kHz/194m: VHF 95.8; **BBC Radio London** 1458kHz/206m: VHF 94.9; **World Service** MF 648kHz/463m.

BBC1 WALES. 1.27pm-1.30 News of Wales headlines. 3.53-3.55 News of Wales Headlines. 5.55 Wales Today. 6.40-7.10 Gardening Together. **11.50-12.10am** The Sky At Night. 12.10 News and Weather. **SCOTLAND. 9.25am-10.30 and 10.55-12.45pm** The General Assembly of the Church of Scotland. 12.45-1.00 Interlude. 1.25-1.30 The Scottish News. 5.55 Scotland: Sixty Minutes. 6.40-7.10 Fanfare. 11.50 News and Weather. **NORTHERN IRELAND.** 1.27pm-1.30 Northern Ireland news. 3.53-3.55 Northern Ireland news. 5.55 Scene Around Six. 6.40 7.10 Minding Your Own Business. 11.50 News and Weather. **ENGLAND.** 5.55pm Regional news magazines. 6.40-7.10 *East – Sheridan Morley Meets . . . Angus* McBean. Midlands – Be A Sport! North – Bubbling Under. North East – North Country. North West – Champion Maker. South – South Sport. South West – Three In The Wild. West – RPM. 11.55 Close.

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HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00 pm-7.00 Wales at Six. 10.30-11.30 Body and Soul. 11.30-12.30 am Hill Street Blues.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

SCOTTISH As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Film: MGM's Big Parade of Comedy*. 3.30-4.00 Private Benjamin. 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm. 6.00 Scotland Today. 6.30 Hear Here. 6.45-7.00 Crime Desk. 9.00-10.00 Quincy. 10.35 Studio – Between the Lines. 11.05 General Assembly. 11.35 Late Call. 11.40 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace*. 12.40am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 That's Hollywood. 2.00-4.00 Film: To Sir With Love (Sidney Poitier). 6.00 North Tonight. 6.30-7.00 Happy Days. 9.00 Quincy. 10.30 Film: Man in the Trunk. 12.30am News, Closedown.

TSW As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Film: Burglars (Omar Sharif). 3.30-4.00 Animals in Action. 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30-7.00 Sporstweek. 9.00-10.00 Irish RM. 10.35 Postscript. 10.40 Film: Bridges at Toko-Ri (William Holden). 12.31am Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Film: Operation Amsterdam*. (Peter Finch). 3.25-4.00 Cry Wolf*. 5.15-5.45 Silver Spoons. 6.35-7.00 At Ease. 9.00-10.00 Quincy. 10.30 Calendar Commentary. 11.00 Hill Street Blues. 12.00 Closedown.

TVS As London except: 1.20 News. 1.20 Film: Harry and Walter Go to New York (James Caan). 3.30-4.00 Cop and the Kid. 5.15-5.45 The Young Doctors. 6.00 Coast to Coast. 6.40-7.00 Airmail. 10.30 Who's for Europe. 11.00 Hill Street Blues. 12.00 Preview. 12.30 Company, Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Film: Madeleine *(Anne Todd). 3.304.00 Whose Baby? 5.15-5.45 Joanie Loves *Chachi. 6.00 About Anglia. 6.30-7.00* Diff'rent Strokes. 10.30 Anglia Reports. 11.00 Hill Street Blues. 12.00 All Kinds of Country. 12.30 For Faith and Family, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 1.20pm Granada Reports. 1.30 Film: Dive Bomber (Errol Flynn). 5.15-5.45 Silver Spoons. 6.00 Sons and Daughters. 6.30-7.00 Granada Reports. 9.00-10.00 Quincy. 10.30 Sweeney. 11.30 Star Parade. 12.30am Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 1.20pm Lunchtime. 1.30 Film: Day At The Races* (Marx Brothers). 3.30-4.00 Adventurer. 5.15-5.45 Survival. 6.00 Good Evening Ulster. 6.30-7.00 Lifestyle. 9.00-10.00 Hotel. 10.30 Prayer For The Province. 10.45 Hill Street Blues. 11.40 News, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20pm News and Lookaround. 1.30 Film: Jigsaw*. 5.15-5.45 Just Our Luck. 6.00 News. 6.02 *Gambit. 6.30-7.00 Northern Life.* 9.00-10.00 Quincy. 10.32 Film: Murder Motel. 12.15am Youths From York. Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 1.20 pm News. 1.30-4.00 Film: Burglars. 3.30-4.00 Animals in Action. 5.15-5.45 Emmerdale Farm. 5.45 News at 5.45. 6.00 Channel Report. 6.30-7.00 Spice of Life. 9.00-10.00 Irish RM. 10.34 Cartoon. 10.40 Film: Bridges at Toko Ri. 12.30 am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 1.20 pm News. *1.30 Film:* Burglars (Omar Sharif). 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Newshound. 6.00-7.00 News. 9.00-10.00 Quincy. 10.35 Contrasts. 11.05 Ice Hockey. 11.45 Contact. 12.00 Closedown.

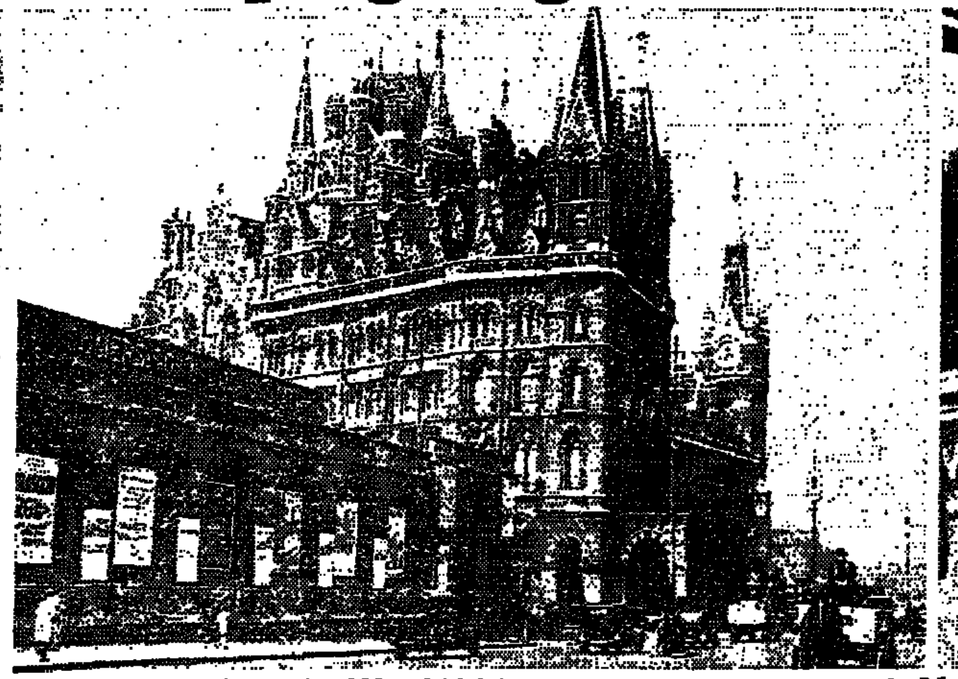
HTV As London except: 1.20 pm News. 1.30 Film: Twenty-fifth Hour (Anthony Quinn). 3.30-4.00 In Exile. 5.15-5.45 Vintage Quiz. 6.00-7.00 News. 9.00-10.00 Quincy. 10.30 Hill Street Blues. 11.30 25th Anniversary of the Marquee. 12.30 am Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.30 Film: Conspiracy of Hearts (Lilli Palmer). 3.30-4.00 Preview. 5.15-5.45 Private Benjamin. 6.00 Lookaround. 6.15 Canon In The Kitchen. 6.30-7.00 Gambit. 9.00-10.00 Quincy. 10.30 Crown Green Bowls. 11.15 Sweeney. 12.15am News, Closedown.

Entertainments

Landmarks of a campaigning Poet Laureate





St Pancras Station in 1933 and (right) a journey through Metro-land on the Metropolitan Railway in 1973

Sir John Betjemin will be remembered, even by those who never read his poetry, as a fervent Englishman, a man who not only wrote about the things and places that he loved, but spent an enormous amount of time and energy fostering and keeping alive parts of his country's heritage.

He loved great buildings like Wells Cathedral and the Church of St Mary-le-Strand, for which he launched a £400,000 restoration appeal fund.

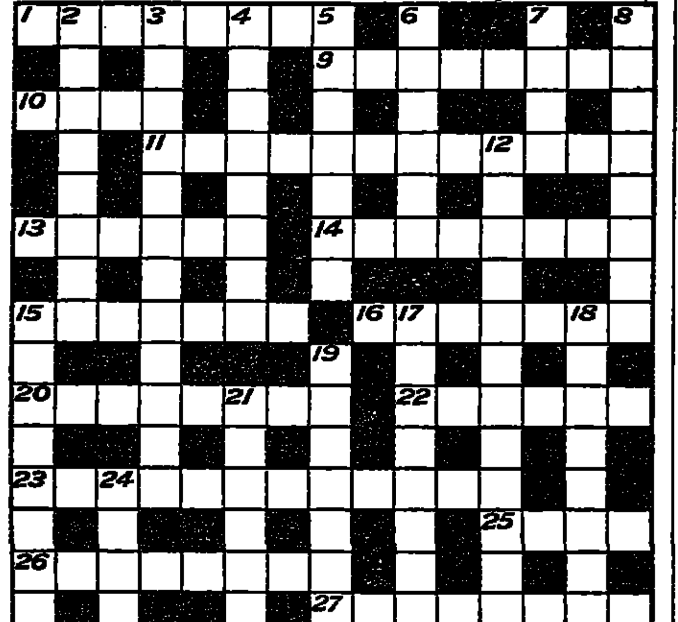
Victoriana was his particular passion, and he played an important part in the preservation of St Pancras Railway Station, once regarded as a monstrosity but nowadays acknowledged as an irreplaceable part of London's architectural scene.

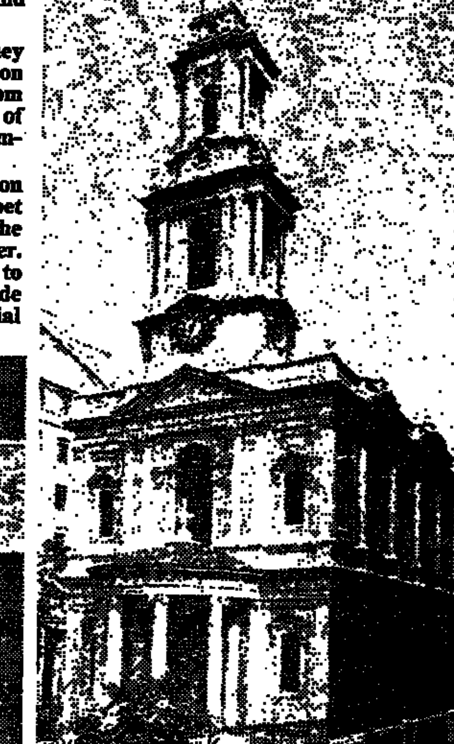
Just as he wrote about unfashionable places like London suburbs, so he became identified with those neglected relics of the Victorian era, Britain's piers. As president of the National Piers Society, he likened the destruction of Southend pier to the loss of a limb.

Like many an overgrown schoolboy Sir John Betjeman also loved railways, and steam trains in particular.

In 1973 he was televized on a journey through Metro-land, along the London Underground's Metropolitan line from Baker Street to the forgotten station of Verney Junction in North Buckinghamshire.

He became a familiar figure on television during his time as Poet Laureate, usually pleading for the preservation of some monument or other. His poems on these occasions tended to be forgettable, but his enthusiasm made him perhaps the most influential conservationist of his time.







On Southend Pier (1980) which he fought to save; a locomotive named after him in 1983; and right, St Mary-le-Strand for which he launched a restoration fund

Letter from Beirut

Expatriates fear for their future

From a Special Correspondent

Hazel Moss remembers the genteel Beirut of a decade ago. "We'd wear our evening dresses, and men would be in fine suits. We'd stroll home from parties on warm summer nights. People would call to you from their terraces – even at two or three in the morning – and invite you for coffee and a 'hubbly-bubbly' pipe. You always felt like a princess."

But Miss Moss, a Derby woman who has been here since 1972, admits: "Even then there were whispers that things weren't quite right."

Today many of the British subjects still in Lebanon are debating whether they should stay. They are worn down by nine years of intermittent civil war and increasingly convinced that the Beirut they once loved is gone forever.

"It used to be fun, but now it's frightening", said a British-born businessman who did not want his name published. "There are crazy people all over the streets. You aren't safe."

Some 3,000 people in Lebanon carry British passports, though only about 10 per cent are British born. They include families with generations of business ties, academics, religious and social workers, retired couples and journalists. One long-standing British resident, Edwin George Kemp, was killed early in February during the artillery battles for control of West Beirut, and more than 400 British citizens were evacuated soon afterwards, some never to return.

"What's left is a pretty hard core," a British diplomat said. "They are here either because their organization says they should be here and they are willing to stay or, in a sense, they feel they have nowhere else to go."

John Munro, a native of Cheam on the outskirts of London, left England 30 years ago to study and work in the United States and Canada. A specialist in late 19th and early 20th century literature. He moved to Lebanon in 1965 to join the English department at the American University of Beirut.

Throughout the war he never felt directly threatened, but recent events have struck close to home. The American University president was killed, a professor was kidnapped and a Lebanese British Council teacher was beaten up.

"You operate here on two levels", Mr Munro said. "Rationally you see everything at the same time, emotionally, you feel somehow you must live a charmed life."

His job – and the income it produces to educate his four children – keeps him in Beirut, and the war itself has opened doors for him. He has reported for newspapers and English-language radio stations, read scripts for television commercials produced by a Lebanese firm for overseas distribution and even played as an extra in a German-made film about the civil war. "Where else in the world could a professor of English have such opportunities?" he asked.

Jack Mann and his wife, Sunnie, from Northampton have been in Beirut for more than 35 years, but they are at last considering a move to Brittany, a region favoured by his wife.

Mr Mann, an RAF Spitfire pilot in the Second World War, joined Middle East Airlines in Beirut in 1948 and until 1962 flew all the airline's routes in the Arab world.

"We really liked it here, have made many friends", said Mr Mann, who is now retired and approaching 70. "But the life-style has deteriorated and over the years my friends have grown fewer." He ponders a moment, fingering the glasses pulled forward on his nose, then adds: "It's cumulative, I suppose. My wife and I are fed up with things, and it has become time to go."

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

The Queen attends the Chelsea Flower Show, Royal Hospital, Chelsea, 5.30.

The Prince of Wales, President of the Bach Choir and Patron, the English Chamber Orchestra, accompanied by the Princess of Wales, attends a concert given by the Back Choir and the English Chamber Orchestra at the Royal Festival Hall, SE1, 6.45.

Princess Anne opens Fire International '84 at the Metropole Hotel, Birmingham, 10.55, and later opens the Russells Hall Hospital, Dudley, West Midlands, 3.05.

Princess Margaret attends the Chelsea Flower Show, Royal Hospital, Chelsea, at 5.20.

The Duke of Gloucester attends the Centenary Dinner of the Society of Authors at the Mansion House, London, 7.30.

Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, and the Duchess of Gloucester visit the Chelsea Flower show, Royal Hospital, Chelsea 5.20.

The Duchess of Kent attends a reception in aid of the Royal College of Music Appeal at St James's Palace, SW1, 10.30 pm

The Duke of Kent, Chairman of the United Kingdom Committee of European Music Year 1985, attends a meeting of the European Organizing Committee Bureau, at the headquarters of the Council of Europe, Paris; leaves from Heathrow airport, 4.45 pm.

Prince and Princess Michael of Kent attend the Chelsea Flower Show, Royal Hospital, Chelsea, 5.10.

New London exhibitions

Paintings by Desiderio Sanchez; Canning House, 2 Belgrave Square, SW1; Tues to Fri 9.30 to 5.30 Mon 9.30 to 6.30 (until June 1).

New provincial exhibitions

Seventeen Royal Academicians and Associates; Beaux Arts Bath, Yorks Street, Bath; 10 to 5 daily.

Talks and lectures

Le Cave Di Marmo Di Carrara, by Bruno Tommasi, Italian Seminar Room 306, Charles Wilson Building, Leicester University 7.30.

Music

Organ recital by Timothy Albrecht, Coventry Cathedral 1.05.

Ayrshire Arts Festival: Concert by Atarah's Band, Ayr Town Hall, 7.30.

Concert by the Philharmonia Orchestra, St David's Hall, Cardiff, 7.30.

Perth Festival of the Arts: Concert by pupils of Perth Academy, St John's Kirk of Perth, 12.30; Piano recital by Shura Cherkassky, City Hall, Perth, 7.30.

Recital by Meinir Williams (soprano) and Annette Bryn Roberts (piano), St Ann's Church, Manchester, 1.

General

Open Day, Museum of Flight, East Fortune Airfield, North Berwick, East Lothian, 10 to 4.

Anniversaries

Births: Albrecht Dürer, Germany, 1471; Alexander Pope, London, 1688; Elizabeth Fry, Quaker, philanthropist and prison reformer, earlham, Norfolk, 1780; Mikhail Glinka, composer (new style June 1), Novospasskoye, Russia, 1804; Henri Rousseau, painter, Laval France, 1844, William Einthoven, physiologist, pioneer of the electro cardiograph, Nobel laureate 1924, Semarang, Java, 1860.

Deaths: Henry VI, reigned 1422-61, 1470-71, murdered, Tower of London, 1471; Pieter Hooft, dramatist and poet, The Hague, 1647; Karl Wilhelm Scheele, chemist, Köping, Sweden, 1786; Christian Thomsen, archaeologist, Copenhagen, 1865; Ronald Firbank, novelist (*Valmouth*), Rome, 1926. (First solo flight cross the Atlantic, New York to Paris made by Charles Lindbergh, 1927.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,435

ACROSS

1 Victor's lady-love, or William's? (8).
9 One on the stock farm arranged horn care (8).
10 Superior, perhaps, this pigment (4).
11 Office worker has gun? Go back and strike her (12).
13 Pale type troubled by oil ban (6).
14 Expressed approval of witch's place, but in archaic language (8).
15 Though a potential inebriate, the German uses lots of ice (7).
16 Comparatively dull way to overpraise (7).
20 Toffee-nosed like a cobbler once? (8).
22 Some say it's similar to an eruption on the skin (6).
23 Echo of some army drums (12).
25 Athenian character in Blériot adventure (4).
26 Plant for Conservative beauty, say (8).
27 Public display certain to be a revelation (8).

DOWN

2 Like Mrs Malaprop's tongue, or one heard at Mycenae (8).
3 Doubtful like examination candidates? (12).
4 It may bear the stamp of a confidential writer (8).
5 He may swear to being a performer, do we hear? (7).
6 Where now to write her name (6).
7 Become engaged? A muddle, 15 ac might say (4).
8 Bullfight, or final substitute for a position of power, perhaps (8).
12 Ruin the conspiracy without a sensational display (12).
15 Give an account of notes to a copyist (8).
17 Not a sucker, though, this man on the crossing (8).
18 Eastern tax in part raised by this? (8).
19 Order taken in by Eeyore (7).
21 In church French art occupies a small space (6).
24 Warner's well-paid position (4).

The Solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No. 16,434 will appear next Saturday

CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 8

Nature notes

On the moors, female cuckoos sit on walls and bushes, looking out for meadow-pipits' nests in the grass. During the afternoon, the cuckoo will glide down to the pipit's nest, remove an egg, and lay one of her own in its place. Her offsprings will later throw out the other eggs, and any nestlings that have hatched before it. Most cuckoos lay about a dozen intnerloping eggs in a season.

Short-eared owls are back in the young conifer plantations, which have become an important habitat for them in recent years. They lay their smooth white eggs in a hollow in the ground. Some tawny owls already have downy young in their tree-holes: this is the only time of the year when they are sometimes seen hunting in daylight, to satisfy the nestlings' voracious appetite.

Nearly all trees are now in leaf, and blossom is growing thick on the horse-chestnuts and hawthorns. On the chalk slopes, creamy flowers are opening on the small wayfaring-trees. Cow parsley spreads like a white mist along the roadsides; wild pansies, yellow and mauve, and pale field-pansies thrive among growing crops. Caddis flies dance above ponds.

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Bond winners

Winning numbers in the weekly draw for £100,000, £50,000 and £25,000 Premium Bond prizes, announced on Saturday, are £100,000: 11TT 240927 (the winner lives in the London borough of Lewisham); £50,000: 12XP 201710 (Solihull); £25,000: 23AZ 1665[illegible] (Middlesex).

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.62	1.54
Austria Sch	28.30	26.70
Belgium Fr	82.00	78.00
Canada $	1.85	1.78
Denmark Kr	14.56	13.86
Finland Mkk	8.39	7.99
France Fr	12.26	11.66
Germany DM	3.97	3.79
Greece Dr	158.00	148.00
Hongkong $	11.25	10.65
Ireland	1.29	1.23
Italy Lira	2435.00	2335.00
Japan Yen	338.00	322.00
Netherlands Gld	4.49	4.27
Norway Kr	11.33	10.78
Portugal Esc	200.00	190.00
South Africa Rd	2.20	2.04
Spain Pta	218.00	207.00
Sweden Kr	11.78	11.18
Switzerland Fr	3.29	3.12
USA $	1.43	1.38
Yugoslavia Dnr	205.00	185.00

Retail Price Index: 345.1.

London: The FT index closed down 10.1 at 874.4 on Friday.
New York: The Dow Jones Industrial average closed down 8.48 at 1153.79.

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Roads

Midlands and East Anglia: A52: Roadworks at Muston Bends, on Nottingham to Grantham road single-line traffic with temporary signals. A49: Roadwords at Woofferton, Shropshire, at juction with A456; single-line traffic with temporary signals. M1: Roadworks between junctions 16 and 18 (Watford Gap and M45 junction); serious delays.

North: A66: Bridge widening at Eden Lodge, Kirkby Thore, Cumbric four miles NW of Appleby; single-Lane traffic with traffic lights. Manchester: Gas main replacement at Shaw Road Oldham; temporary traffic signals and single lane traffic. Arnold Street closed. M6: Resurfacing between junctions 22 and 25; two lanes open in each direction, contraflow system in use.

Wales and west: 380 Resurfacing of Exeter to Newton Abbot road at Telegraph Hill, Devon; single–line traffic with temporary lights. A4: Roadwords along Hotwell Road, and Anchor Road/St George's Road, Bristol no right turn into Jacobs Wells Road. A381/A385: Roadworks at Brutus Bridge, Bridgetown Hill, Totnes, Devon; temporary traffic lights.

Scotland: A905: Bridge works at M9 (junction 5); one lane of roundabout closed. M73: Lighting column installation between junctions 1 and 2 (Airdrie); lane closures on both carriageways.

Information supplied by the AA.

The papers

The Government should think again about buying Trident missiles, The Observer said yesterday. Western purposes were unlikely to be served by Britain acquiring a deterrent larger and more expensive than it needs, just when opinion was favouring deterring Soviet aggression by improving the balance of conventional forces in Europe.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Private member's motion on the EEC. Ordnance Factories and Military Services Bill, third reading.
Lords (2.30): Health and Social Security Bill, second reading.

National Day

The United Republic of Cameroon on the west coast of Africa celebrated its National Day yesterday. The date commemorates the 1971 referendum when a new constitution was approved to unite formally in a republic the territories of East and West Cameroon. East Cameroon had been administered by the French until it became the independent Republic of Cameroon in January 1960. A year later West Cameroon, which had been part of the British-administered Trust Territory of Southern Cameroon, opted to join the Republic in a federation. It is now the only officialy French and English-speaking state in Africa.

Weather forecast

A complex low near the Continent is slow moving over the North Sea. A trough of low pressure affects E areas

6am to midnight

London, SE England, East Anglia: Cloudy, rain in places; wind N to NE, moderate to fresh; max temp 14 or 15C (57 to 59F).

SW, central S England, Channel Islands: Rather cloudy, rain in places; wind N, light to moderate; max temp 14 or 15C (57 to 59F).

Midlands, NW, central N England, Lake District, SW Scotland, Glasgow: Mainly dry, some sunny periods, isolated showers; wind N, light; max temp 15 or 16C (59 to 61F).

NE England, Borders, Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen, central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland: Cloudy, rain at times; wind N, moderate to fresh; max temp 10 to 12C (50 to 54F).

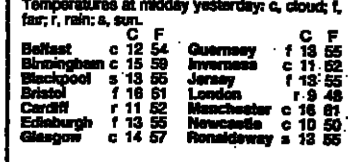
Wales, Isle of Man: Mainly bright, sunny intervals and scattered showers; wind N, light to moderate; max temp 14 to 16C (57 to 61F).

Argyll, NW Scotland: Cloudy, light rain in places; wind NE, moderate to fresh; max temp 11 to 13C (52 to 55F).

Orkney, Shetland: Bright at first, rain later; wind NE, fresh; max temp 10 or 11C (50 to 52F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Wednesday: Continuing generally similar, with showers or longer periods of rain, but some sunny intervals, especially in the W.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea: Wind variable, light, becoming NE moderate or fresh; sea smooth becoming moderate. Straits of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind variable, light; sea smooth. St George's Channel, Irish Sea: Wind, light or moderate; sea slight.



Sun rises: 5.00 am | Sun sets: 8.55 pm
Moon rises: 2.09 am | Moon sets: 10.27 pm
Last Quarter: Tomorrow.

Lighting-up time

London 9.25 pm to 4.29 am
Bristol 9.34 pm to 4.39 am
Edinburgh 10.0 pm to 4.18 am
Manchester 9.43 pm to 4.28 am
Penzance 4.40 pm to 4.57 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	c	12	54	Guernsey	f	13	55
Birmingham	c	15	59	Inverness	c	11	52
Blackpool	s	13	55	Jersey	f	13	55
Bristol	f	16	61	London	r	9	48
Cardiff	r	11	52	Manchester	c	16	61
Edinburgh	f	13	55	Newcastle	c	10	50
Glasgow	c	14	57	Ronaldsway	s	13	55

Highest and lowest

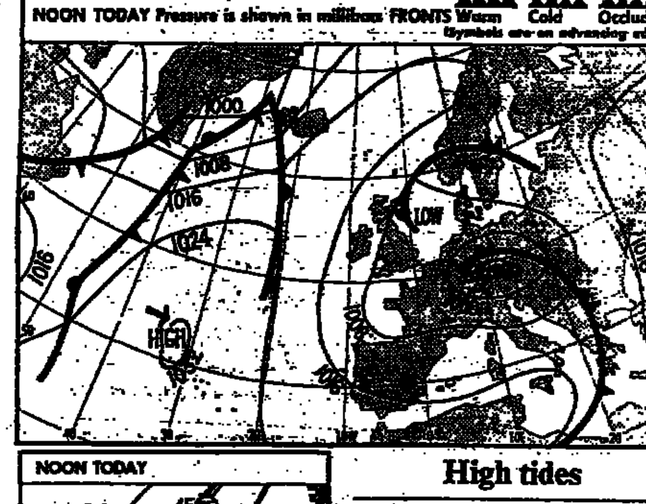
Yesterday: Highest day temp: Manchester 17C (63F), lowest day max: Cromer 8C (46F), highest rainfall: Plymouth 0.59 in., highest sunshine: Stornaway 14.3 hr.

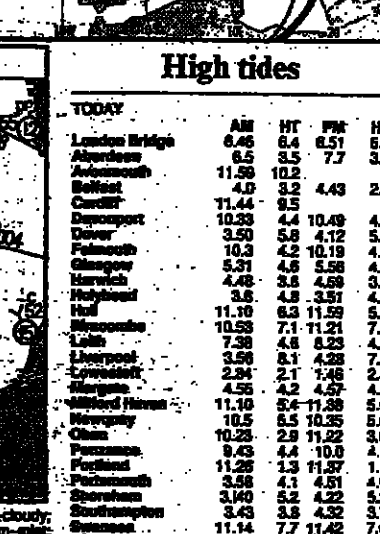
Saturday: Highest day temp: Leaming 19C (66F), lowest day max: Lerwick 9C (48F), highest rainfall: Neist Point 0.24 in., highest sunshine: Douglas 13.2 hr.

London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 10C (50F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 8C (46F). Humidity: 6 pm, 88 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.05in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1000 millibars, falling.

Saturday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 15C (61F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 8C (46F). Humidity: 6 pm, 55 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, a trace. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 6hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1004.3 millibars falling.





b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled. Temperatures fahrenheit.

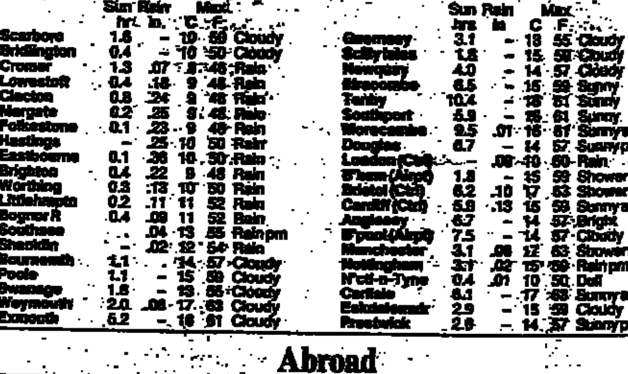
High tides

TODAY

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	6.46	6.4	6.51	6.1
Aberdeen	6.5	3.5	7.7	3.3
Avonmouth	11.59	10.2		
Belfast	4.0	3.2	4.43	2.9
Cardiff	11.44	9.5		
Devonport	10.33	4.4	10.49	4.6
Dover	3.50	5.8	4.12	5.6
Falmouth	10.3	4.2	10.19	4.4
Glasgow	5.31	4.6	5.58	4.1
Harwich	4.48	3.6	4.59	3.5
Holyhead	3.6	4.8	3.51	4.3
Hull	11.10	6.3	11.59	5.6
Ilfracombe	10.53	7.1	11.21	7.2
Leith	7.38	4.6	8.23	4.5
Liverpool	3.56	8.1	4.28	7.5
Lowestoft	2.34	2.1	1.46	2.3
Margate	4.55	4.2	4.57	4.1
Milford Haven	11.10	5.4	11.38	5.5
Newquay	10.5	5.5	10.35	5.6
Oban	10.23	2.9	11.22	3.0
Penzance	9.43	4.4	10.0	4.5
Portland	11.26	1.3	11.57	1.5
Portsmouth	3.58	4.1	4.51	4.0
Shoreham	3.140	5.2	4.22	5.2
Southampton	3.43	3.8	4.32	3.7
Swansea	11.14	7.7	11.42	7.6
Tees	8.40	4.6	9.30	4.3
Walton-on-Naze	4.34	3.7	4.38	3.6

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

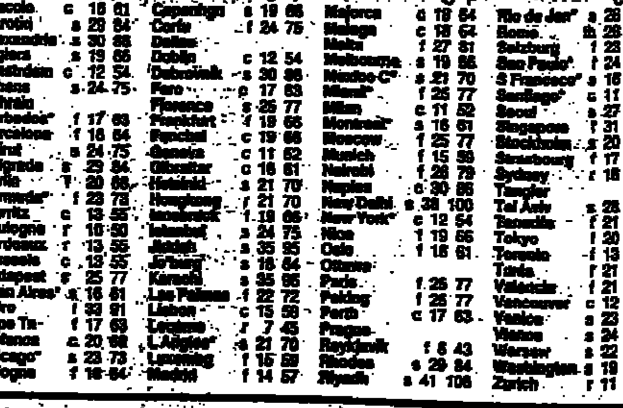
Around Britain



	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	1.6	–	10	50	Cloudy
Bridlington	0.4	–	10	50	Cloudy
Cromer	1.3	.07	8	46	Rain
Lowestoft	0.4	.18	9	48	Rain
Clacton	0.8	.24	9	48	Rain
Margate	0.2	.25	9	48	Rain
Folkestone	0.1	.23	9	48	Rain
Hastings	–	.25	10	50	Rain
Eastbourne	0.1	.36	10	50	Rain
Brighton	0.4	.22	9	48	Rain
Worthing	0.3	.13	10	50	Rain
Littlehmptn	0.2	.11	11	52	Rain
Bognor R	0.4	.09	11	52	Rain
Southsea	–	.04	13	55	Rain pm
Shanklin	–	.02	12	54	Rain
Bournemouth	1.1	–	14	57	Cloudy
Poole	1.1	–	15	59	Cloudy
Swanage	1.8	–	13	55	Cloudy
Weymouth	2.0	.08	17	63	Cloudy
Exmouth	5.2	–	16	61	Cloudy

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Guernsey	3.1	–	13	55	Cloudy
Scilly Isles	1.8	–	15	59	Cloudy
Newquay	4.0	–	14	57	Cloudy
Ilfracombe	6.5	–	15	59	Sunny
Tenby	10.4	–	16	61	Sunny
Southport	5.9	–	16	61	Sunny
Morecambe	9.5	.01	16	61	Sunny am
Douglas	6.7	–	14	57	Sunny pm
London (Ctr)	–	.08	10	50	Rain
B'ham (Airpt)	1.8	–	15	59	Showers pm
Bristol (Ctr)	6.2	.10	17	63	Showers pm
Cardiff (Ctr)	5.8	.13	15	59	Sunny am
Anglesey	6.7	–	14	57	Bright
L'pool (Airpt)	7.5	–	14	57	Cloudy
Manchester	3.1	.08	17	63	Showers pm
Nottingham	3.1	.02	15	59	Rain pm
N'cstl-n-Tyne	0.4	.01	10	50	Dull
Carlisle	6.1	–	17	63	Sunny am
Eskdalemuir	2.9	–	15	59	Cloudy
Prestwick	2.8	–	14	57	Sunny pm

Abroad



		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	c	16	61	Copenhgn	s	19	66	Majorca	c	18	64	Rio de Jan*	s	26	79
Akrotiri	s	29	84	Corfu	f	24	75	Malaga	c	18	64	Rome	th	28	82
Alexandria	s	30	86	Dallas				Malta	f	27	81	Salzburg	f	23	73
Algiers	s	19	66	Dublin	c	12	54	Melbourne	s	19	66	Sao Paulo*	f	24	75
Amsterdam	c	12	54	Dubrovnik	s	30	86	Mexico C*	s	21	70	S Francisco*	s	16	61
Athens	s	24	75	Faro	c	17	63	Miami*	f	25	77	Santiago*	c	11	52
Bahrain				Florence	s	25	77	Milan	c	11	52	Seoul	s	27	81
Barbados*	f	17	63	Frankfurt	f	19	66	Montreal*	s	16	61	Singapore	f	31	88
Barcelona	f	18	64	Funchal	c	19	66	Moscow	f	25	77	Stockholm	s	20	68
Beirut	s	24	75	Geneva	c	11	52	Munich	f	15	59	Strasbourg	f	17	63
Belgrade	s	29	84	Gibraltar	c	16	61	Nairobi	f	26	79	Sydney	r	16	61
Berlin	f	20	68	Helsinki	s	21	70	Naples	c	30	86	Tangier			
Bermuda*	f	23	73	Hongkong	f	21	70	New Delhi	s	38	100	Tel Aviv	s	28	82
Biarritz	c	13	55	Innsbruck	f	19	66	New York*	c	12	54	Tenerife	f	21	70
Boulogne	r	10	50	Istanbul	s	24	75	Nice	f	19	66	Tokyo	f	20	68
Bordeaux	r	13	55	Jeddah	s	35	95	Oslo	f	16	61	Toronto	f	13	55
Brussels	c	13	55	Jo'burg	s	18	64	Ottawa				Tunis	r	21	70
Budapest	f	25	77	Karachi	s	35	95	Paris	f	25	77	Valencia	f	21	70
Buenos Aires*	s	16	61	Las Palmas	f	22	72	Peking	f	25	77	Vancouver	c	12	70
Cairo	f	33	91	Lisbon	c	15	59	Perth	c	17	63	Venice	s	23	73
Cape Tn	f	17	63	Locarno	r	7	45	Prague				Vienna	s	24	75
C'blanca	c	20	68	L Angeles*	s	21	70	Reykjavik	f	6	43	Warsaw	s	22	72
Chicago*	s	23	73	Luxembg	f	15	59	Rhodes	s	29	84	Washington	s	19	66
Cologne	f	18	64	Madrid	f	14	57	Riyadh	s	41	106	Zurich	r	11	52





